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The P. C. Editor Says:

Tuesday night an entertainment will be given at the Sikeston High School Auditorium by the Stamps Brothers Male Quartet, the proceeds of which will go to the Miner Switch Baptist Church to be used for the purchase of new seats. The price is 20 cents. This quartet broadcasts daily over station W M C in Memphis.

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Lill Cole, who operates the Diamond Tavern south of town on Highway 61, informs us that the story of a 15-year-old girl who was employed by her to clean up the place and cabins as printed in The Standard Friday last, was not altogether true. The girl represented herself to be 17 years old and until a sister who said she was 19 appeared at the Tavern and said her sister was but 15, then she was discharged, came to Sikeston, was locked up and sent to the home of her parents near Henderson Mounds in New Madrid County. Lill says there is not a word of truth in the story given to The Standard that she had the girl accept dates from men and divide proceeds with her.

Drummers Convention Groups Named

Committees for the convention of the Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association to be held here May 22-24 have been completed.

Lewis B. Heslep is president of the organization; L. M. Hollenbeck, vice president; Ben M. Seidler, secretary; O. B. Hill, treasurer and Ernst Dunn, warden.

The committees:

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Installation — W. E. Leach, chairman; Sid Wildberger. A. W. Pollock, A. A. Richter.

Royal Orders of Boosters—Harroy A. Hope, Cleve Smith, Frank Broe, J. J. Dunn, Ben Probst, Dave Dennison, Harry Fritz, Phil Cohen, Frank Armstrong, Wayne Bess, Milburn Arbaugh, Frank Mercurio, Sid Wildberger.

Grand Marshall—Wm. E. Leach.

Badges, Designs and Costumes—A. W. Pollock, Chairman; Polly Pollock, R. E. Broe, V. P. Hawkins.

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Parade—R. E. Flynn, J. R. Hazel, Geo. Carroll, Frank Broe, V. P. Hawkins.

Nominating Committee—Harry Putnam, Chairman; Sid Wildberger, A. W. Pollock, J. A. Blackwell, Fred Pourcely.

Music—Clint Porter, C. C. Barbier, Al Cole, J. H. McLane, Geo. Marable, C. M. Shelton.

Hotel Committee—Frank Starkel, chairman, R. E. Flynn, Co-chairman, Lynn Smith, Al Cole.

Prizes—A. W. Pollock, Chairman; Frank Mercurio, Jake Newman, Fred Pourcely, Harry Loebner.

Membership—John A. Martin, Dan Ubelback, Clyde Shelton, E. K. Striegel, Geo. Steele, Harris Foster, Chairman; S. Knippenberg, Al Kobler, Kenneth Kirchner, Barton McLane, Wm. Linkemann.

Children's Parade—Wm. Leach.

Transportation—U. S. Louzader, Geo. Nagel, Bob Flynn, W. W. McAfoos, Ben Schille.

What Club and Dance—A. A. Richter, Chairman; C. C. Barbier, Cliff Byrnes, Jack E. Asinger, R. E. Flynn, J. R. Hazel, Geo. Carroll, Frank Broe. V. P. Hawkins.

Court to Study Food Stamp Fund

A request of Sikeston business men that a revolving fund of approximately $12,000 be appropriated for installation of the Federal Food Stamp plan in Scott was taken under advisement by the county court at Benton Tuesday.

Doubt was expressed that sufficient funds would be available for the purpose but members of the court reported that they would confer with Prosecuting Attorney David E. Blanton on the matter.

It is estimated that domestic production of planes now is at the rate of about 100 monthly. About half this number are being sent to Great Britain.

A Contest More Necessary Now

The Missouri Supreme Court did not hold that Forrest C. Donnell should be seated as Governor because he had received the highest number of legal votes—but because he had received the highest number of votes on the face of the returns. Had he been elected by the highest number of votes in the most crooked and fraudulent election in the history of Missouri politics, the Supreme Court's decision would still have made it mandatory for him to have been seated as Governor for the simple reason that the question before the court in no way reached the question of crookedness and fraudulent motives. And now that the Republican nominee has been seated, it is more important and necessary than ever that a full recount of all the election ballots be made so that the people will know once and for all time that the man who occupies the highest office within the gift of the people is justly entitled to that office, and is not a trespasser and an intruder. Only a complete recount now will satisfy the public, Republicans as well as Democrats.

Kiwanis Club Activities

By Bartley R. Schwegler

The Kiwanis Club celebrated George Washington's birthday Friday evening at the Methodist Church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Hedden, who with a committee used as her theme George Washington—a Family Man.

Mrs. Hedden gave an interesting talk on George Washington's family influnces which helped him to become a great man.

Mrs. Marian Tomerlin, Mrs. E. O. DeField and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth assisted Mrs. Hedden with the program.

Miss Sara Ann Michell instructor of music in the public schools, directed a group of her pupils in singing songs and in dancing the Virginia Reel.

There were 66 present at a dinner served in the basement of the Methodist Church by the Co-Workers. It was ladies' night and the members of the Club entertained their wives and other guests who were invited.

George W. Kirk led singing of various songs with Miss Michell accompanying on the piano.

League Honors Couple

Members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirk, entertained Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk C. McCoy, whose marriage on last January 26 was announced recently. League members presented the couple with a wedding gift. Mrs. McCoy was before her marriage, Miss Louise Woods.

Those attending the party were Misses Mildred Jackson, Margaret Mills, Margaret Anthony, Mary Lou and Lucille Arnett, Martha Ellen Mason, Bertha Mae Ray, Eleanor Hahn, Lois Buchanan of Morehouse and Kathryn Kornegger; Judson Boardman, Jr., Ray Carl and William Marsh, Murrell Hendricks, Howard Wilson of St. Louis and Melvin Kornegger.

State and federal gasoline taxes are by far the heaviest of these special highway taxes, amounting to $35.10 a second, or $2106 a minute. Miscellaneous other motor vehicle taxes, tolls, and fees add another $137 a minute.

During 1939, tourist expenditures are estimated to have totaled $5,400,000.

Rarely seen now, the beautiful whistling swan winters in Currituck Sound, N. C.

DEFENSE WASTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAN BE AVOIDED SAYS CONSERVATIONIST

By Frederic C. Walcott
President of the American Wildlife Institute

To those of you, who have experienced the wanton squandering of our natural resources brought by other periods of national emergency, this is a reminder. To those who do not know from experience what irreparable damage can be inflected on our basic natural resources by hysterical waste during times of stress, this is a warning. A warning not to carelessly undermine the foundations upon which our country is built—the nation's natural resources—with a suggestion how we can avoid needless waste.

In the first place, let it be clearly understood that never in its history has depletion of this country's essential natural resources been so imminent.

To better understand what might happen today, let us consider what has happened in other days. In the matter of our soil, for instance, let us turn back the calendar some 22 years to see how hysteria during a critical period helped create a cancerous growth in the very heart of our country from which we are not yet fully recovered. I refer to the damage done to our land by erosion—soil erosion, the eating away of the land which, with water and air, is the source of all sustenance.

Every schoolboy knows, of course, that when the first settlers came to this bountiful new world they found a land of unsurpassed natural wealth. Dense forests and lush prairies stretched almost the entire length and breadth of this country. Almost everywhere the soil lay deep and fertile. Wherever the settlers went they turned the rich earth for a living. Their plows turned the virgin sod, their axes cleared the mantle of protective trees and undergrowth. Truly it may be said that our forefathers built this country as much upon its basic natural resources as upon their firm determination to create a new nation where all might live in equality, justice and freedom.

As the pioneers moved westward, their cultivation of the soil exposed ever-widening areas to wind and rain. Millions of acres once covered with fertile soil were stripped to sterile clay. The climax of this era of despoliation of an indispensable source of our sustenance was reached during the last World War.

Nations in Europe were starving. The price of wheat mounted to unprecedented heights. Perhaps with the kindliest of motives—to feed the starving peoples of Europe—or, perhaps, for purely mercenary reasons—to cash in on the high prices of wheat—short-sighted, or misguided, individual planted to wheat acres and acres of ground normally unfit to raise any kind of grain. By some strange quirk of nature these unfit lands did produce crops for a time—but at what a cost!



The effects of overfishing of salmon in 1917 and 1918 were felt in a steady decline until 1921.

Stripped of the protective grasses that had held them together, these lands joined the millions of other acres that had been pulverized. So was the stage set for one of the greatest tragedies of modern times. Disastrous droughts turned the pulverized soil into fine sand, to be blown like the shifting dunes of the Sahara. Thus was born the dust bowl—an open sore in the body of what had once been the healthiest, strongest country the world has known. The cancerous growth drove thousands of fine American families from their homes, created a migratory class comparable to those that wander Europe and Asia in search of sustenance.

The ugly sore of erosion is still receiving expert medical attention, but it is still an ugly wound—a wound of war, which might have been avoided, certainly would not have been so severe, had we not been so reckless of our lands in a time of stress.

Can that happen to our soil again? We are once more facing a national emergency, once again we may be called upon to feed a war-deprived world.

Today the reserve stocks in this country include five hundred million bushels of corn; two hundred million bushels of wheat; large reserves of many other foodstuffs and commodities—at least enough to take care of our own needs even in times of emergency. But, we are told by some eminent humanitarians that many of the people of Europe are today facing starvation if we do not feed them. If the big heart of America feels impelled to feed the world, there is no telling where it will end—nor how much serious damage will again be done to our soil by unwise cultivation, if we do not guard against misuse of the land.

I do not think any American would tolerate the starvation of any woman, child or noncombatant—regardles sof creed, race or nationality—so long as we have a crust to share. That is not the American way. But, by the same token, we must save our basic resources—the very elements which make us an enormous breadbasket for less fortunate countries—to be used in the future, both for ourselves and the rest of the world. That principle, too, has become a part of the American way!

During the last great national emergency, the soil was not the only basic natural resource that was squandered. Our fish resources, for instance, suffered heavily. Canned fish provides a light, compact, and very nourishing source of food. Its consumption increased tremendously. Let us see just how this increased consumption, both before and after we entered the last war, affected our fish resources. Let us consider salmon, for instance. During the five years preceding the last World War, the Alaska salmon catch averaged about five million cases a year. During 1917 and 1918 it jumped to eight million cases annually—an increase of 60 per cent. The effects of such overfishing were felt in a steady three-year decline until in 1921 the catch was barely more than three and one-half million cases a year.



Soil erosion—the eating away of the land which, with water and air, is the source of all sustenance.

During the same emergency period—that is in 1917 and 1918—the catch of tuna rose 77 per cent over the five years preceding five years. The California sardine is still feebly struggling to recover from the blow it received when wartime consumption jumped one thousand, one hundred and thirty per cent over the normal five years preceding the last great national emergency.

Those are just a few of the statistics of the waste during the last period of national stress, which is comparable to the days we now face.

There is, of course, another phase of the despoliation of our fish resources which does not readily lend itself to cold figures. I refer to the damage done by pollution—the poisoning of our waters.

In carrying out the "Preparedness Program," which preceded our entrance into the last World War, and during that war itself thousands of factories were erected along once fine clean bodies of water, which furnished either water power or easy disposition of waste—sometimes both. These factories poured pollutants into the water, poisoning it to the point where no living thing could exist. Much of this pollution was unnecessary, even in times of grave emergency. One needs only to consider that thousands of new plants probably will be needed to carry out our present Defense Program to realize that we are again facing further despoliation of our waters by needless pollution.

I have conferred at great length with those whose primary interest in conservation centers around the preservation and wise use of our forest resources. These people are deeply alarmed — and rightfully so, if a certain instance on the Pacific Coast is any indication of what lies in store.

This particular instance concerns the National Park, which is covered with virgin stands of spruce. This spruce is much in demand for certain activities in our national defense preparation. The addition of new lands adjoining this park has already been authorized. These new lands also contain some spruce.

Needless to say, the price of spruce has risen sharply under the heavy demand and certain commercial interests, apparently seeking to cash in on the high market, are moving heaven and earth to obtain permission to cut in the new lands being added to the National Park—in fact would like to cut out the old area of the park. Those who are in close touch with the situation tell me there is no reason for cutting the timber in this national park and its new additions, excepting to cash in on the rising market! They tell me there is enough spruce for national defense needs available elsewhere, but, nevertheless, those who seek to spoil this virgin timber in this forest sanctuary have gone so far in their efforts as to charge the Government Department administering the affairs of the park with obstructing national defense!



Our every defense need can be met without overcutting, without unsound practices.

I do not think the efforts to despoil that particular National Park will be successful, but other attempts just as wasteful, just as selfish, may be, if we are not careful.

Those more conversant with our forestry problems then I, tell me that our every defense need can be met without overcutting, without unsound practices that will jeopardize our capital stock of timber. This, they say, can be accomplished by careful planning, which certainly should be done to protect our future supply of timber.

Many are, as I am, vitally interested in our country's wildlife—its birds and animals. What of them? Just this. We have learned, through years of experience, that bird and animal life is so dependent upon proper use of our land, water and forests that it cannot exist under abnormal conditions. It would be difficult to estimate the indirect damage done to wildlife by erosion, by pollution, by the indiscriminate hacking down of forests some twenty-three years ago. However much of the good done by the splendid Wildlife restoration work of the past fifteen or twenty years might be wiped out during the present emergency no man can say, but we do know that as the forests, waters and land suffer, so will the wildlife that affords the recreation and sport which is so essential a part of our way of life.

We must remember also, that in times of emergency, when we are prone to turn all our thoughts and energies to immediately pressing problems there is an inclination to forget the long-haul battle that is always with us. I mean by that simply that we must guard against curtailment of the budgets necessary to carry on the work of preserving and restoring our natural resources. That, I know, is difficult at a time when money is so badly needed for the building of warships and tanks and air forces and all the component parts of a great military and naval organization that will one day make us defensively the strongest nation in the world. But, we must remember that the money to properly administer our fish and wildlife, our soil and forest resources, is just as badly needed if we are to continue in the American Way. A battleship, or a plane, or a tank will ultimately become obsolete. A forest, or good soil, or a useful bird, never outlives its usefulness if it is properly used and administered.

I will not stress the importance of the wise use of mineral or oil. There is a very good reason for this omission. It is not that these valuable resources should not be wisely used. It is because man has always been able to work out a substitute for these resources when their supply was threatened. Very fine ersatz oil is now being made from coal or lignite. We need tin for our defense activities, and the regular sources of supply are none too dependable, for one reason or another. So, we are experimenting with a number of substitutes, and making arrangements for other—and more dependable — sources of supply. And so ingenious man devises substitutes for practically all mineral resources, but no scientist has yet been able to devise a workable substitute for soil or water. No man alive has yet managed to create an ersatz duck or quail or rabbit. No man has ever developed a substitute for a tree, which is one of our most valuable growing natural resources. Once we waste these precious necessities they are gone beyond the power of scientific substitution!

There is, briefly, a picture of what may happen at any time in the immediate future, but painting a black picture such as that is not constructive. So, let us see if we can devise some means of safeguarding our resources during this critical period. Let us see if we cannot get by without mortgaging our future.

I can suggest only one plan which is big enough, comprehensive enough and effective enough to safeguard our resources at this time. It is this. We have a National Defense Advisory Commission, which advises those charged with administering our defense program how the needs of that program can be met. I suggest a similar Federal commission to advise in the defense administration of our natural resources. I suggest a National Advisory Board for Conservation, appointed by The President, to advise how our natural resources can be used for defense needs without imperiling the future supply.

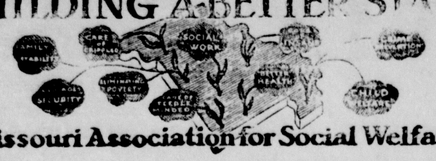
Such a Conservation Board would, for instance, pass on the matter of cutting the virgin timber in the Olympic National Park, which I have mentioned. The Conservation Board would find out whether it was necessary to cut that particular supply of spruce to meet defense needs—and so advise those in charge of its administration. If the Conservation Board, after careful study, advised that the demand for spruce could be met without cutting in that paricular National Park, it would have to show where else the essential wood could be obtained without inflicting lasting damage to the resource. If the Conservation Board found it was necessary to cut that particular spruce, they would be the highest advisory authority.

Through such an advisory board, our natural resources could be wisely administered, no matter how great the national emergency.

Let us remember: that even the best of sportsmen, even the most sincere conservationist, is an even better American. We want our country to have a national defense system so strong that no nation, or group of nations, will dare attack. We wish Uncle Sam to stand as a bulwark of strength in a world gone berserk, but, we also wish to safeguard the very things that have made us a nation capable of such defense. Let us spare no effort to make our nation impregnable, let no sacrifice be too great to achieve national defense, but let us keep America a land worth defending.

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BUILDING A BETTER STATE



Missouri Association for Social Welfare

An enabling act is being introduced in the Missouri legislature which if passed will enable any county and any town of more than 3000 population to obtain sixty-year loans from the United States Housing Authority for the building of low-cost housing units.

In rural areas the bill provides that the county court may set up a local authority to supervise the housing projects. Then with the cooperation of land owners the substandard dwellings could be razed and modern units built in their place.

An acre of ground for the building site would be deeded to the housing authority, and evidence is required that the occupant of the old dwelling has an income not more than five times the rent of the new unit.

After the new unit is erected and occupied it would be paid for over a long period of time, with annual rent in some cases as low as fifty dollars a year. One item that helps make low rent possible is having the occupant maintain and repair the building.

Each rural dwelling unit includes a frame house with living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, space for a future bathroom, storage space, and a work porch. In addition, there is to be a sanitary outhouse, a clean, sealed well, and enclosed areas for a garden and a poultry yard.

In towns the bill provides for similar housing authorities, and the plans for the razing of substandard dwellings and the building of new units are subject to the approval of the U. S. H. A. In the smaller communities one-family dwellings are preferred, but in large cities multiple-dwelling units may be erected. In any case, one substandard unit must be razed for each new unit built.

The local housing authorities may obtain a federal loan covering up to ninety per cent of the cost of the project, and the remainder is to be financed with bonds or by other means. Where these plans are in operation in other states, the housing projects are usually tax exempt, in order to keep the rental as low as possible.

It is this bill that would for the first time make available federal aid for slum clearance in Kansas City. By a previous enabling act of the state legislature such aid has been limited to St. Louis.

Washington Comment

The first of March is not far away, yet the hopeful predict that by the date mentioned, the Lend and Lease bill will have become a part of the law of the land. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee distinguished itself by vigor and promptness in passing the measure along, with limitations which keep expenditures within the control of Congress to a greater degree than the original text contemplated. Aid is to be given only to those nations which are attacked or in danger.

It seems to most readers that the Lend-Lease bill has a strong flavor of the smoke of battle, but the Committee assures the Senate that it is not a war measure. The report points out further that "the United States must strive in all ways reasonably possible to stay at peace with all the world; and the United States must, in its own interests, supply effective material aid to those countries whose defense is vital to our own defense."

General opinion in Washington is that the bill cannot fail to pass. Editorial comment perhaps is not quite so tempered as it should be. The friends of the bill are "warmongers", a statement which is offset by the assurance that those who are inclined to let England pull her own chestnuts out of the fire are a "crew of conventional mediocrities, dull and stupid when not malicious." The fur surely is flying.

The suggestion that the United States turn over more destroyers to Britain finds support in many quarters, Mr. Willkie being reported as setting the number at from five to ten per month. Secretary Knox, as quoted, thinks that the United States cannot part wisely with any more vessels of that class . Out of the pros and cons there arose rumors of a "destroyer row," among those who at this time should be on the best terms of brotherly love. The President declared the 'row" to be non-existent, and gave his hearers to understand that the destroyer transfer was not an urgent matter.

About thirty ships belonging to the Axis powers are interned in American waters. Local brokers are said to be in touch with Italian and German owners, offering to purchase, with no attempt to conceal the fact that the property may be turned over to England. Business is nothing, if not hopeful. Anyhow, it does no harm to try. Any German or Italian attracted by the proposal had better get his person and all his worldly goods in a safe and inaccessible place before signing on the dotted line.

Leaving unsettled the question as to whether shipping should be kept or sold, there are shortages along other lines. Secretary Ickes believes that "power", in a mechanical sense, is not available for defense purposes to the degree that it should be, particularly in the Pacific northwest. Authorities on the subject of national defense believe that the facilities for transporting oil from inland wells to the Atlantic coast are inadequate, and turn a friendly eye on more pipe lines.

When Mr. Mussolini and General Franco met for a conference in the balm of the Riviera, it was stated that the Duce went thither to solicit Spanish help. Censorship in Italy is as tight as the proverbial bark on a hickory tree, and Spain is not what one might call loose mouthed. Report therefore has to be relied upon. According to that source of information, Spain was not asked to go to war. On the other hand, it is said that the Duce pleaded and General Franco refused. One thing is certain. They did not meet to discuss spring planting or to arrange a horse trade.

Exchanges of views between the United States and Canada deal largely with airplanes. The Dominion would like to have flying machines passed more rapidly across the border, especially to facilitate the training of her pilots. Liberal Canadian offers are made in the direction of providing a string of air bases from the American boundary to Alaska, a matter of no small moment, since Alaska is about the only continental posesssion of the United States which remains an isolated jumping-off place.

WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWED

The 1940 census found only 67 mules in New Hampshire.

Of the 1,904,000,000 acres of land in continental United States, the census reported 1,060,507,355 in farms. Crops were harvested from 321,757,900 acres.

U. S. farmers reported the value of farm implements and machinery in the census as $3,059,266,327, compared with $3,301,654,000 in 1930.

Although land in farms was greater than ever before, the census reported a 3.1 per cent decline in the number of farms since 1930. The new total is 6,096,789, compared with 6,812,350 in 1935 and 6,288,648 in 1930.

Printing and publishing is one of the largest U. S. industries. The total value of its annual production exceeds $2,170,000,000.

U. S. citizens are spending more money for newspaper subscriptions now than even in the lush days of 1929, according to the census. Annual newspaper receipts from subscriptions amount to over $306,000,000. This was an annual increase of $19,685,000 in ten years.

There are 106,991 clothing stores in the United States, according to the census.

The census showed 169,742 restaurants, cafes and other eating places in the U. S.

There are 57,900 during stores and their annual receipts amount to $1,562,438,000.

The census reported 241,856 gasoline filling stations compared with 197,568 in 1935.

Retail sales in 1,770,904 stores of the United States exceed $42,000,000,000 annually.

Retail sales of 560,798 food stores amount to over $10,000,000,000 annually.

Eating and drinking places number 305,331 and do an annual business of $3,520,985,000

U. S. retail sales of $42,023,818,000 in 1939 surpassed the 1935 census of business total, $32,791,212,000, by 28 per cent.

Retail sales in the U. S. amount to nearly $320 per capita.

Motor scooters are official equipment in the police department of Inglewood, Calif.

Corduroy Slacks



For late winter and early spring sports wear this new cotton corduroy slack suit is meeting with popular approval, the National Cotton Council reports. The fingertip jacket has four patch pockets and shirred blouse back. The slacks are high waisted with pleats and cuff bottoms.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN © The Safety Man

The primitive man met dangers which were inevitable. We meet dangers which are preventable.

Automobile accidents can be prevented. In fact, all accidents can be prevented. The fact that we can, if we will, eliminate to a very large degree the appalling dangers of modern life constitutes the moral significance of this safety movement.

We should realize and appreciate the value of a human being. Apparently, not all people do that.

The carelessness regarding human life is the great tragedy that hangs over human idustry. It is only recently that there has come to be regard for human life, and we hope that this regard will incdease.

The motorist can help considerably in solving accident problems by driving carefully, courteously, and thoughtfully on our highways.

Record consumption of copper during January brings forecasts from the industry that soon the United States would be forced to dip again into the rich mines of Latin America to pad inadequate domestic supplies. At the end of January copper refiners had on hand approximately 116,000 tons, the smallest since mid-1937. Production of 93,000 tons of refined metal was close to record levels, but deliveries to customers reached nearly 120,000 tons, larger than any previous month.

Ad Firm Fetes 30th Birthday

Detroit, Mich.—Thirty years of "advertising well directed" are being celebrated by the Campbell-Ewald Company during February, for it was in this month in 1911 that the company was incorporated at Lansing, Michigan.

This anniversary makes this advertising agency the oldest in Detroit, and one of the few agencies in the country to have retained its corporate identity and its directing head for so long a period.

During each of these years the company has had an average yearly billing of more than $10,000,000, despite the fact that it did not reach an annual billing of a million dollars until many years after it was organized.

NEWSPAPERS GOOD MEDIUM

A large percentage of this money has been spent each year in newspapers, for Mr. H. T. Ewald, the president of the company, is a firm believer in this medium of advertising.

"Today, the newspaper, one of the oldest mediums of advertising, continues as a truly great and powerful force to sell goods," he states, "and will continue to be a spearhead of most advertising effort as long as it remains a free press."

"While each advertising campaign should have a tailor-made merchandising and advertising suit, the merchandisers of few commodities of general use can afford to ignore the tremendous cleavage power of newspapers, weekly as well as daily.

"I often think of newspaper advertising as an electric switch that actually turns on the light when and where the light is needed. This medium seems to me to be right behind the actual salesman and the actual sale."

Probably one of the greatest prides of Ewald is in the financial integrity of his organization during its entire corporate life. It has never missed a cash discount in the payment of publication and other bills—nor a payroll—for even during the State of Michigan and, later, the national bank holiday in 1933, the money for the payroll was rushed from New York City by airplane.

HUMBLE BEGINNING

Humble, indeed, was the beginning of the company back in the days when the automobile was considered only a plaything of the rich. But the birth of the agency timed beautifully with the growth of the motor car and the growing recognition of the value of advertising—a union of mass production and mass selling.

Probably the cornerstone of the growth of this organization is based on the philosophy of Ewald that an advertising agency's function is to do anything and everything that may be done legitimately to sell more of the clients' merchandise. Ideas and a plussage of service — these are the two thoughts that have continually permeated the personnel of the entire agency since its founding. Fruit of this philosophy may be symbolized by the fact that the Hyatt Bearings Company, its first client, is still a client.

The growth of the agency in the first decade of its life might be considered normal. But in 1920 began its phenomenal growth—for the decade starting in that year represents the business and maddest in America. All industry was driving furiously toward a peak, with Detroit and the automobile industry in the forefront.

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★



A salesgirl, working on a small salary, is constantly faced with the problem of dressing smartly, but inexpensively. A solution is this medium-blue rayon dress with buttons down the front and long easy sleeves which make it a joy to work in.

HO-HUM

Did you ever knit a pair of socks? You needn't look at me that way . . . I feel all right. Well, I never did either but I've thought the matter over and I realize what the job calls for. So I'll grant them that it's a tough job to take into consideration all the funny little knobs and bumps that make up a man's foot. But I'd think, after all these years, that someone would have mastered the job. So I can't be very charitable about it when I always find that extra hunk of toe flopping around down there. I tuck it under and fold it back and that takes care of it to a certain extent. But a fellow shouldn't have to do that sort of thing. The socks should fit in the first place.

Funny shaped? What do you mean? There's nothing wrong with my feet! It's the guy at the Bureau of Standards that's got the funny feet if anyone has. One of us isn't normal down there, it's a cinch! I get size ten and a half and it fits perfectly . . . all except the toe. I think I'll out-smart them and get size ten. The toe fits fine and dandy. Sure. But the heel is always under my foot somewhere and it hurts when I walk on it. I have to tip-toe around like there was someone asleep in the next room.

It looks silly? All right . . . I've done that too. I've cut the excess off, but the first thing I know the whole sock is unravelling and my toes are all tangled up in a lot of strings. I'd rather have the socks the other way, even though they look like they've been used at Christmas time with oranges or something stuck down in them for a few days.

I'd think the manufacturers would realize the waste of it all. Out of every dozen pairs of socks there must be enough excess to make another pair gratis. I'd think they'd realize that, and you would too, but no . . . all I get back for my troubles is a nasty little letter full of cracks about my Unusual feet! What we should do about it is go without a while. I do that a lot around the house but the wife says it's uncouth and makes me put my socks back on when she catches me at it.

Well, when the women took up that stockingless fad a while back you sure heard a loud squawk from the mills, didn't you? That's what us men should do . . . and after these companies have gone broke they might wake up and reorganize their pattern departments and use a real foot for a model instead of an old pair of potatoes. Let's get this thing started and organize!

After all . . . I can't swing it without a little cooperation, you know!—F. Stanley Yates.

SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS

Negroes have been taking contributions from business men this week for funds with which to gravel a street in Sunset Addition. The council has promised to pay half the costs of the improvement and the Negroes are seeking through contrbiutions to defray the other half.

CARD OF THANKS

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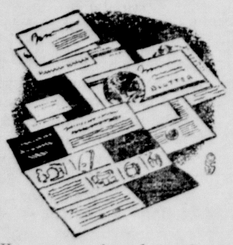
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DEFENSE WORRIES

Daily we hear about the defense boom and what's going to happen afterward. There is no question about our having a huge task of readjustment ahead of us, but there are many factors which will make this a different problem than ever before.



Kyes

Before long we will be in the midst of feeding Europe. In Great Britain the food situation at present is just as difficult as in the gloomiest days of 1917. Female labor and equipment from America is the immediate hope, but beyond this our food supplies will be utilized to feed the British.

Then comes continental Europe and its starving victims. This will quickly wipe out the surpluses and take much of the primary food supply of the United States.

The industrial requirements of defense will be eclipsed by the agricultural demands that will be placed upon this country. Our farms will have to be mobilized just as we are attempting to do with our factories. Farm equipment will be just as scarce comparatively as machine tools and production equipment are today. Farm labor will become more difficult to get as we progress with this program.

There are many who are already worrying about what's going to happen when the defense program is over. They visualize idle machinery, surplus plant capacity and men without jobs. Actually, we are extending this national defense program under very different conditions than any which this nation has ever found itself in before. American industry has been literally stagnant for several years. Had there been no defense program, it would have taken several years to replace the wornout machinery and plant equipment. United States of 1940, as a whole, was only a shell, industrially speaking. The depression and subsequent years robbed us of most of our industrial power. Corporate capital was largely wiped out during the depression. In the cases where it was reduced to an unhealthy state, the drain of social legislation made profit impossible. The result was no new machinery. Goods were produced on old machinerq. Time after time, repairs were made.

The manpower problem has been even more grave. Industry only gambles on new and untrained manpower when it has surplus funds with which to take a chance on the untrained becoming valuable, or working for the same company after the training is completed. The result has been a bankruptcy of manpower. Good men are extremely scarce from common labor to management. Never in the history of this country has there been such a shortage of good men who can be relied upon to take responsible positions in industry. As a whole, the manpower available today lacks the necessary training in business methods and production operations.

If we are to face the facts squarely, the United States is just as short of men and machines for industrial power as it is planes and pilots for air power. This country must turn to men who know business. Industry, despite unfavorable legislation and attacks from every side during the past several years, has again returned to its rightfully important place in our economy. With agriculture, industry occupies the front rank of democracy. The hope of democracy for today and the future lies in the abilities of men of industry. If they can create trained manpower and produce the machinery necessary, we need have no fears.

After the necessities of defense have been taken care of, we will find ourselves with industrial modern machinery to take care of peacetime requirements with higher efficiency. This producing power will not only produce necessities, but will also return to the luxury items that will be given up during the period of defense building due to lack of raw materials.

Conservation News

Jefferson City, Mo.—A new forest protection district, covering 479,360 acres of woodland, has been established in St. Charles, Warren and Montgomery counties, it was announced today by the Forestry Section of the Missouri Conservation Commission.

Forest Protection Districts are established through an agreement between the owners of the forest land and the Missouri Conservation Commisison. Owners and tenants agree to cooperate with the Commission in watching for and suppressing forest fires, in return for which the Commission provides men and equipment with which to combat fires.

Headquarters of the new district will be at Warrenton, county seat of Warren county, where a District Forester will be stationed. A fire tower will be erected in the district which will serve as secondary district headquarters. In addition to the Commission employes and the landowners, rural mail carriers, local sportsmen and the public at large are requested to aid in the reporting of fires to supplement the detection work of forest guards and cooperators.

Missouri Nature Knights, as well as thousands of other Missouri youngsters, will observe Missouri Bird Day on March 21.

The Missouri Conservation Commission, realizing the value of birds to farmers, orchardists and to the welfare of the state in general, and bearing in mind the importance of their position in maintaining the balance of nature, is preparing a suggested outline for the use of Nature Knight leaders and other youth group leaders in observance of Missouri Bird Day.

The value of birds should be understood, not only from the esthetic standpoint, but from a practical and economic standpoint. The U. S. Department of Agriculture points out that unless immediate measures are adopted to restore a sure, safe and natural equilibrium between insectivorous birds and their foods, the time may come when the annual loss caused by insects to agriculture may be counted in billions instead of millions of dollars.

Destructive insects multiply with astounding rapidity, and if they were not checked by the birds the results could prove disastrous. For instance, experts estimate that the unchecked natural increase of one pair of gypsy moths would defoliate the United States in eight years.

One of the aims of the Missouri Conservation Commission it is pointed out by Director I. T. Bode, is to protect and restore the useful birds of Missouri. Through its Nature Knights and other activities, the Commission encourages the study, care and protection of birds. Through other agencies the Commission brings to farmers a knowledge of the value of birds and discourages such practices as clearing from pastures, fields and fence rows, all of the fruit bearing native shrubs and trees which provide food and cover for both game birds and song birds.

Birds are our guardians against the constant and relentless attack of insects, and it was for this reason that the state legislature, in 1917, set aside the 21st of March of each year as Bird Day, when teachers, students and patrons of the schools should observe the day by encouraging the study, care and protection of birds.

Production and distribution of fish by the Missouri Conservation Commission during 1940 came to a grand total of 5,351,740, according to the annual report of the Fisheries Section.

This figure included trout and warm water fishes reared in hatcheries and distributed in lakes and streams of the state, and fish which were rescued and placed in suitable waters. It also included 77,000 bullfrog tadpoles.

The number exceeds by more than a million fish the total production and distribution of any previous year. During the year the fish rescue activities of the Commission resulted in the saving of 1,502,763 fish. 424,792 trout were reared and released in state trout waters, and 3,424,185 game fish, including large mouthed black bass, small mouthed black bass, black crappie, white crappie, bluegills, green sunfish, channel cat, goggle-eye and bull heads, were reared and distributed in Missouri waters.

ROOF FIRE

A spark from the flue set the roof of the Elmos Taylor home, 224 Moore Avenue, on fire Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. The blaze was put out by firemen without damage.

January shipments of finshed steel products by subisdiaries of United States Steel Corp. totaled 1,682,454 tons, the largest for any January on record and within one per cent of the May 1929 monthly record, reports officials. This was an increase of 137,831 tons from December and was 536,862 tons above January 1940. In May, 1923, shipments totaled 1,701,874 tons.

WHERE CARS RUN THOUSANDS OF MILES WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES



Two automobiles without license plates have been averaging 25 miles a day on Detroit streets and getting away with it. No traffic cop holds them up. Detroiters do not know of these cars or the streets on which they run.

The plots of these unlicensed autos drive in eternal darkness except for their headlights, which burn constantly. The beams of these headlights flash on crystal pillars and arches and roadbeds as the cars curve and twist 20 miles of streets in the great salt mine lying a quarter of a mile beneath the traffic of Detroit.

Few Detroiters even know that the mine exists.

Thirty years ago immense deposits of salt were discovered a thousand to fifteen hundred feet below Detroit's west side. A shaft was sunk by the International Salt Company, which has been burrowing under Detroit ever since. Distances finally became so great that the automobile idea got into the company's head.

The difficulty was that no road ran into the mine.

The only way was by vertical shaft. So the salt company put its problem up to the Ford Motor Company.

The next difficulty was that a regular closed car wouldn't fit into the shaft.

So a couple of convertibles were sent over and the tops removed. Then into the depths of the shaft went the topless cars. There was no need to put the tops on again, for no rain or snow ever falls in the city of salt, where the temperature is always 58 degrees.

One of the cars was assigned to foreman Edward Yipee, who has worked in the mine since the shaft was first sunk in 1910.

The other Ford is equipped as a repair and maintenance car and is used chiefly by the mechanical trouble shooter in keeping the mine's far-flung machinery in working order.

Prosperity Notes

The Agricultural Department predicts wool prices would be higher this spring and summer than one year ago because of prospects for increased mill consumption for civil and military demands. The United States average price of wool received by farmers was said to have been 31.3 cents per pound on January 15 compared with 28.1 cents on the corresponding date in 1940. Another price supporting factor, the department said, was an indication that carry-over of wool into the new season which begins April 1, may be the smallest in recent years. Imports of apparel wool for consumption in 1940 approximated 223,000,000 pounds, or 125,000,000 pounds larger than in 1939 and the largest since 1923.

Blue Springs, according to the Herald, is in for a buildng boom as announcement is made of the platting of fifteen acres near that city for residential expansion.

Bethlehem Steel corporation's production of steel ingots in January was the largest for any one month in history, says company officials. The outturn was 1,017,346 net tons, compared with the previous monthly high of 1,014,961 net tons in October, 1940. During January, Bethlehem's operations averaged 100.5 of rated capacity.

Producers marketing their 1940 tobacco at the Weston tobacco auctions have received $665,357.38, nearly twice the receipts of one year ago. Total sales at the market which opened December 4 and closed January 31, were 4,315,364 pounds and the average price was $15.29 per 100 pounds. One year ago sales totaled 3,574,022 pounds, producers received $350,215.32 and the average price per 100 pounds was $9.91. Sales were conducted at two large warehouses.

Officials of Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., reports a 9 per cent increase in January sales amounting to $19,927,935 compared with $18,204,966 for the corresponding 1940 period.

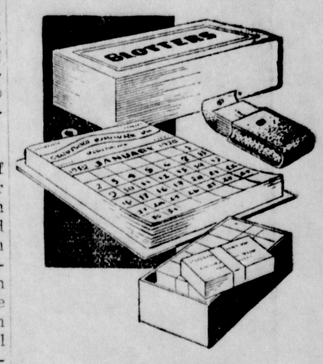
The FHA reports construction of 103,187 small homes were started with private capital under the FHA program in the past seven months, a 32 per cent increase over the same period one year ago. Approximately 85 per cent were in areas where expanding national defense industries created housing needs according to Abner H. Ferguson, administrator.

The Associated Press index of industrial activity advanced for the week ended February 15 from 124.1 to 124.9 to another record high, totaling the broadest gain of the year and the third in succession. Principal influence in the week's advance was the rise in automobile assemblies, with cotton manufacturing and steel production showing a slight upward trend.

Contracts for 17,750 trunk lockers costing $49,345 has been awarded to the Neevel Manufacturing Company of Kansas City by the quartermaster corps which had previously filled orders for more than 70,000 lockers.

Price of lead ore increased $2.16 per ton to $66.70 on the Joplin ore market for the February 15 week, following a $3 per ton increase in pig iron. Zinc continued to bring $48 per ton. Smelters during the week purchased 6,370 tons of zinc ore with production at 8,790 tons. Combined shipment value of lead and zinc ore was $433,982, bringing the total value for the year to $3,291,040.

Net sales of American Can Co. in 1940 rose to the highest level in history of the company, reports officials. Sales for the year aggregated $197,515,244, showing a 4.3 per cent increase over 1939.



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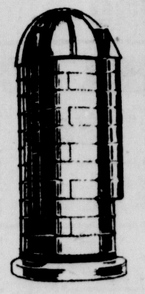
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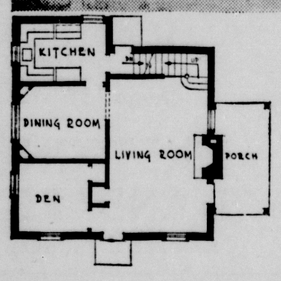
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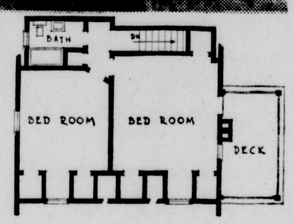
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Hints for February Parties

With the coming of February we must have, at least, our cherry pies moulded deserts for Valentine's and Washington's birthday dinner. If you plan to pay back some obligations with a party, why not make it a Washington's birthday dinner? Besides the favors and the cherry tree for your center table decoration, the "February idea" can be carried out in the menu.

"Turkey days" are gone for this year, so let's leave behind the plum puddings and pumpkin pies that naturally go along with the turkey. Don't try to get a turkey at this late date or a spring chicken so early in the season. Concentrate on meats that are good this time of the year. Here are two alternate menus:

Gelatin Fruit Salad
Boiled Mayonnaise
Celery and Olives
Breast of Veal Stuffed With
Celery Sage Dressing
Cherry Cranberries
Buttered Asparagus
Baked Potatoes
Hot Baking Powder Biscuits
Cherry Pie Coffee

Puree of Tomato Soup
Soda Crackers
Celery Hearts and Radishes
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Cauliflower With Buttered
Bread Crumbs
Compote of Spiced Peaches
Hot Corn Bread Muffins
Cherry-Pineapple Pudding
Coffee

The cherry-pineapple pudding can be put into heart moulds for a Valentine day dessert.

CHERRY-PINEAPPLE PUDDING

1 can pineapple (large)
1 pt. cream
2 egg whites
2 tbsp. gelatine dissolved in ½ cup cold water
½ cup sugar

Boil pineapple juice, gelatin and sugar. Add stiffly beaten whites and whipped cream. Put into mould a layer of above, then bits of cherries, nuts and pineapple. Repeat until mould is full. Put moulds in icebox for eight to ten hours.

LEMON FLUFF PIE

Crust:
2-3 small box graham crackers
1-3 cup butter
2 tbsp. sugar

Filling:
5 eggs (separate)
1 cup sugar
Rind of 1 lemon
Juice of 1½ lemons
½ tbsp. gelatin
¼ cup water

Mix melted butter and sugar with crumbs. Grease a spring form with butter and line bottom and as much of sides as possible with crumbs. Pat the crumbs against the bottom and sides of spring form and bake for about twenty minutes in medium hot oven.

Beat yolks thoroughly; add ½ cup sugar and rind and juice of lemons. Cook in double boiler until it thickens a bit. Add gelatin soaked in water. Cool and add whites beaten with ½ cup sugar. Pour into the crust which has been cooled. Let stand in icebox for eight to ten hours. This will serve eight.

BAKED MASHED SQUASH

Special Note—This is for those especially who do not like squash. You can serve this dish as your vegetable, it will be eaten with gusto. Of course, do not say it is squash but some special new and inexpensive vegetable; and they will never recognize it as squash.

1½ lbs. of white summer squash (this is obtainable all winter)
1 medium size onion, chopped
1 egg
2 tbsp. butter
½ cup buttered bread crumbs

Boil squash until tender in salt water. If it is young and tender do not peal, just cut up. Drain thoroughly and mash with a fork or potato masher. Brown the onions slightly in butter. Beat egg for 2 or 3 minutes and add to the squash when cooled, with onions and butter. Mix thoroughly with stlt and pepper to taste. Put in pyrex dish and sprinkle buttered bread crumbs on top. Bake in moderate over for 25 minutes or until crumbs are good and brown.

A lovely cake to have in the house for guests who just drop in is a sunshine sponge cake:

SUNSHINE SPONGE CAKE

5 eggs
1 cup sugar
½ lemon—rind and juice
1 cup Swansdown flour
¼ tsp. salt

Sift flour before measuring, beat yolks until light colored and thick. Add lemon juice. Beat whites until stiff. Fork in sugar mixed with grated lemon rind, then yolks and last the flour and salt. Cut in and fold, do not mix or beat. Bake in slow oven about one hour in unbuttered pan, increasing heat towards last to brown cake. Let cool in pan inverted. When cool sprinkle powdered sugar over the top. This cake is very fine as a base for strawberry or peach shortcake. Just split the whole cake in half, put strawberries mashed with little sugar or sliced canned peaches (drained) in middle of cake. Place other half of cake on top and a few more of the berries or peaches on top. Spread over with ½ pint whipped cream sweetened with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and flavor with ½ teaspoon valilla.

CELERY SAGE DRESSING

12 medium slices stale bread
1 cup chopped celery
1 tsp. sage
1 medium size onion
1 egg
2 tbsp. butter
¼ cup cream

Soak the bread in water. Press out water as well as posible. Mash bread up with fork. Cut up celery and onion into small pieces and cook until soft in the butter. Add to bread mixed with egg and cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste and mix very thoroughly.

A very special breakfast dish for the holidays is scrambled eggs with tomatoes. Surround with browned pork sausages. This is equally as tasty a luncheon dish.

SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH TOMATOES

Slice half-green tomatoes. Dip into flour and brown slightly in hot pan with butter. Pour the beaten eggs (mixed with a little cream) over the tomatoes and mix slightly around the tomatoes. Leave slices of tomatoes whole. Pour onto plater and surround with pork sausages.

A good alternate for the cherry pie dessert is a lemon fluff pie with graham cracker crust.

BOILED MAYONNAISE FOR FRUIT SALAD

2 eggs
½ cup water
½ cup vinegar
3 tsp. sugar
¾ tsp. dry mustard
⅛ tsp. cayenne pepper
1 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. salt
½ tbsp. butter

Mix dry ingredients, then add the butter, water and vinegar. Boil in double boiler, stirring constantly until smooth. Put a few spoonsfuls into the beaten eggs, mix thoroughly and cook until it thickens. When ready to use thin out with cream. This will serve about twelve salads.

CORNMEAL MUFFINS

¼ cup butter
¼ cup sugar
1 cup milk
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 cup cornmeal
½ tsp. baking powder

Cream the butter and add sugar. Then beat eggs until thick without separating. Stir the milk, flour and cornmeal sifted with salt and baking powder, into the above. Beat thoroughly and bake in buttered muffin tins about 20 minutes.

CHERRY CRANBERRIES

1 lb. cranberries
¼ cup water
2½ cups sugar

Wash and pick over cranberries. Put in pyrex dish with water and sugar over the top. Cover and bake until cranberries are clear and cherry-like.

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The P. C. Editor Says:

After all the publicity and talk about which of the two candidates for Governor of Missouri were honestly elected, it looks to us like neither the Republicans nor the Democrats should object to the recount of all ballots cast in the general election last November. Then rules should be published as to how the votes should be counted, which should be declared mutilated, which should be counted straight Republican votes and which should be counted as straight Democratic votes, and which way a ballot should be counted when the cross mark was made under the Democratic emblem and a mark was drawn through the name of McDaniel and no cross made in front of Donnell's name, whether this should be counted as a Democratic vote or for Donnell or no vote for Governor.

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You did not see it in glaring headlines in the metropolitan Republican press, but Lawrence McDaniel, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, has been elected as a member of the St. Louis Salvation Army Advisory Board—a board composed of high class Christian gentlemen. As the St. Louis County Leader so aptly says: "Doesn't that put to shame those Republican publicity hirelings who allegedly spent $500,000 to convince the voters of Missouri that the Hon. Lawrence McDaniel is a bull-necked, hog-jowled, whopper-jawed saloon operator whose face was never anywhere but on the barroom floor? They should hang their head in shame."

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You know from what I hear of some young girls who frequent road houses, beer drinking places, and other places where they have no business, that it would be a fine thing if our local police and constable of Richland Township would visit these places every few nights and see that these girls are sent home, or call their parents, and warn the operators of these places to forbid minors to frequent them.

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Fred Wengler, near Fredericktown, cut a large tree near his barn and found a den of pole cats in the hollow roots of the tree and when he checked in the lot he found eleven of these pretty black and white kitties. Then in the hollow of the upper section of the tree he discovered a swarm of bees that had laid up a supply of honey for the winter, but the honey had a pole cat odor from the last fight the kitties put up, so the honey was a loss. Mr. Wrengler said the tree yielded, skunks, honey, fuel and fun.

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Tom Scott, present warden of the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, was a caller at the Standard office Friday afternoon. He came down to attend the big auction sale near Morley Thursday where he purchased a number of mules. He stated he would retire to his Scott County farm where he would live on the farm and off the farm. Tom says he owes no one and feels certain he will miss no meals as long as Mrs. Scott runs the farm.

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A small blaze was discovered on the roof at the C. L. Blanton, Sr., home Saturday evening shortly after 7:00 o'clock that necessitated calling out the fire department. It was caused by burning soot falling on the shingle roof. Happily, underneath the shingle roof was a composition roof that prevented the blaze from burning through. The hand chemicle extinguisher was used that smothered the small blaze before it got a good start. Our neighbor Harris Draughan while driving by discovered the blaze and notified us when the fire department was called. We are very thankful that so little damage was done and are grateful for the promptness in which the fire company responded. All is well that ends well.

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Slaying Case On March Court Docket

A slaying last May, allegedly growing out of racial ill-feeling between whites and Mexicans employed in plantation work near Morehouse, is scheduled to be reviewed in the trial of Richard Gonzalez and others, charged with murder, during the March term of Scott county circuit court.

The trial is docketed for March 5, third day of the court term. The case will come up for hearing at Benton on a change of venue from New Madrid county.

Zerald Yancey, 21, employe of the Himmelbarger-Harrison Lumber Company, was fatally stabbed the night of May 18. A near lynching of a Mexican by 500 angered residents of Morehouse occurred following the affray.

Charged in the slaying were Gonsalez and Linandro Ontaveros, both about 20. Before the stabbing occurred a Mexican youth was reported to have been hit in the head with a beer bottle and other members of the race gave chase to the assailant, who succeeded in eluding them.

ATTACK IN DOORWAY

Officers expressed the opinion that Mexicans attacked Yancey in the mistaken belief that he was the person who threw the bottle when they came upon him standing in the darkened doorway of a store. Witnesses reported that two Mexicans drew knives on the young man.

Constable N. W. Herrin reported at the time that ill feeling was generated when Mexicans mingled with whites at dances and taverns and danced with white girls.

Another case scheduled for trial before Judge J. C. McDowell will be that of William Lowder, 18-year-old farm youth of near Diehlstadt, accused of felonious assault in connection with the knifing of Robert Garner, 17, Matthews farmer.

55 CRIMINAL CASES

Fifty-five criminal and 94 civil cases are on the docekt for the term of court, March 3-5.

Other criminal cases, the person charged and the accusation:

Elton McEwing and others, embezzlement.

J. Sherwood Smith, embezzlement.

Walter C. Ancell, evasion of sales tax.

Frank Perry, stealing chickens in night time.

Sam Neal, receiving stolen property, allegedly taken from Ralph's Cash Store on highway 60 west of Sikeston.

Walter Bouie and others, juvenile delinquent.

Sanford Lancaster. gambling.

Lonnie Wilson, gambling.

Wilbern Bruce, gambling.

Russell Felker, gambling.

Robert Shelly West, accused of rape in connection with an alleged assault upon a 11-year-old girl.

Warren Rowlett, burglary and larceny in conncetion with entrance of Sikeston grocery stores.

ACCUSED OF CATTLE THEFTS

William Harold Chism and others, stealing cattle. Chism, 20, and Earnie Merick, 22, both of Blodgett, are accused of stealing approximately 18 head of cattle during December and January.

John Kinstler and others, forgery, in connection with a check passed at the Home Oil Company in December in which R. D. Clayton's name was alleged to have been forged.

Willie Willis, grand larceny, accused in connection with robbery of $46 from Harold Newbold, Creal Springs, Ill., coal hauler, while Newbold was napping at a service station near here the night of Jan. 12.

Jesse Lott and others, burglary and larceny.

A. C. Stevens and others, burglary and larceny.

Lott, Stevens and Walter Wimper were arrested in January and accused of stealing approximately 100 bushels of grain during December and January.

FACES MISDEMEANOR

A. Z. Arnold, uttering a worthless check. He was accused of giving a check for $160 to the Sikeston Auction Company which was alleged to have been returned marked insufficient funds. The charge against him is a misdemeanor.

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Ex-Service Men To Be Guests Of Legionnaires

All ex-service men in Sikeston are invited to attend a dinner meeting of the Henry Meldrum Post No. 114, American Legion, at the Armory this Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Matters concerning national defense will be brought up at the gathering and Legionnaires urge every ex-service man in the city to attend.

Regular meetings of the post are held the second and fourth Monday nights of every month in the Legion club rooms at the Armory but the dinner session will be in lieu of the regular Monday night meeting.

A short business session will be conducted Tuesday night followed by refreshments and entertainment.

Those who have not paid their dues may present them to any member at the meeting or to Paul Slinkard at the Bank of Sikeston or Judge W. P. Wilkerson, adjutant, in the Scott County Milling Company building.

Eva Lee Jones Weds B. F. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Jones have announced the marriage of their daughter, Eva Lee, to Benjamin F. Moore, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore of Independence, Mo. The ceremony was performed January 20, by the Rev. J. W. Clarke at his home in Marion, Ark.

The bride was graduated from the Charleston high school and Teachers College in Cape Girardeau and did graduate work at the University of Missouri. She was a member of the Hesperian Literary Society at Teachers College and served as maid to the Sagamore queen. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Missouri University College of Agriculture and was a member of Scabbard and Blade, honor military society. He is county rural rehabilitation supervisor of the Farm Security Administration in Mississippi County.

Saturday night, employes of the F. S. A. office in Charleston entertained at a dinner, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Moore, at the Colonial Tavern in Cape Girardeau, followed by dancing at the Colony Club in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kinder and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson attended the party.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Martha Ellen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mason of Sikeston, and Merle Henricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Henricks of Mount Morris, Ill., was announced Saturday evening at a dinner at the I. Ben Miller Cafe in Cape Girardeau. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Mason is employed at the Pitman Tailors and Cleaners and Mr. Moore is a mechanic at the Cape Girardeau Commercial Airport.

School Gives Dance Program

The Cozette School of Dancing appeared Friday night before a large and appreciative audience in a program of ballet, toe and acrobatic numbers. The pupils were well trained and wore attractive costumes that added to ensemble.

They are appearing before various clubs and societies and their work does credit to the teacher, Mrs. Cozette Dickerson, who has studied with Kosloff and Chaloff of New York City and the Arthur Murray School in Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Clark is accompanist for the school.

CIRCLE MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Annie Armstrong Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Alva Vaughn on Shelby street Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

Each day it thunders in February, the corresponding dates in April will have frost, according to a Missisippi superstition.

Mules Whip Bulldogs, 29-28, 39-30

Bowing out of regular season play in defeat, the Sikeston high school Bulldogs journeyed to Poplar Bluff Friday night, the A team losing 29-28 and the Bs, 39-30.

Earlier in the season Bulldog teams had soundly trounced the Mules in a double bill at the Armory here, the As winning 41-26 and the Bs, 33-20.

The teams may meet again. Both are entered in the regional tournament which will open this Tuesday night in Poplar Bluff at 7:30 o'clock with Perryville meeting the top-seeded Bulldogs.

Conclusion of the regular season play, gave the Bulldog A quintet a record of 14 victories against five defeats and the Bs, five triumphs against two losses.

GRADDY'S GOAL TURNS TIDE

It was a field goal sunk by Center Grady of the Mules that provided the margin of victory for the Mules in Friday night's A game. Sikeston, after trailing the Mules, 12-7 at the end of the initial frame and 17-13 at the half, came back in the third quarter to build up a 17-13 advantage.

The Bulldogs were unable to match the Mules' scoring fireworks in the final period. Forward Poe hooped a free throw and a field goal, Captain Van Dover sank a free throw and Guard Shadle a field goal and gift toss.

Forward D. B. Waggoner of Sikeston gave a good account of himself and two free throws while Guard Lee Bowman succeeded in a free throw.

SHOTS BOUNCE OFF HOOP

Time after time the Bulldogs' shots hit the hoop only to bounce off, a recurrence of the difficulty that cost them a recent game with Cape Girardeau after an early season victory.

Forward Clem Beal came through with the Bulldog scoring honors with four field goals and two free shots for a total of 10 and Bowman, who went out of the game on fouls, was second with eight points.

Shadle won the honors for the Mules, accounting for nine points via three field goals and as many free throws.

The lineups of the A game:

Sikeston	FG	FT	F	TP
Wyatt, f.	1	1	3	3
Beal, f.	0	0	1	0
Waggoner, f.	4	2	3	10
Swacker, c. (C)	2	3	3	7
Bowman, g.	3	2	4	8
Rafferty, g.	0	0	3	0
Diehl, g.	0	0	3	0
	10	8	20	28

Poplar Bluff	FG	FT	F	TP
Poe, f.	2	2	2	6
Van Dover, f. (C)	3	2	3	8
Graddy, c.	1	3	1	5
Shadle, g.	3	3	3	9
Mothershead, g.	0	1	3	1
	9	11	12	29

Referee—Dick Kinder, Poplar Bluff.

Wayne Ables and Dick Tongate, forwards, paced the Bulldog attack in the B game. Both hooped nine points by four field goals and a single free throw.

Forward Brent led the Mules with 12 points.

Poplar Bluff maintained a lead throughout after the first quarter which ended in a 6-6 deadlock. At the half the Mules were ahead, 16-12 and at the end of the third quarter 26-21.

The lineups:

Sikeston	FG	FT	F	TP
Ables, f.	4	1	1	9
Tongate, f.	4	1	3	9
Crase, c.	0	3	0	3
Mitchell, c.	1	0	0	2
Puckett, g.	0	3	3	3
Boyd, g.	0	1	0	1
Skelton, g.	0	1	3	1
Billinton,	0	2	2	2
	9	12	12	30

Poplar Bluff	FG	FT	F	TP
Knapp, f.	0	0	0	0
Brent, f.	6	0	2	12
Watts, f.	0	0	0	0
Atkins, f.	1	1	2	3
Davis, f.	3	0	1	6
Hubbs, c.	0	0	0	0
Dodge, c.	4	1	3	9
Sheldon, g.	0	0	3	0
Walker, g.	2	2	3	6
Stewart, g.	0	0	1	0
Cope, g.	1	1	3	3
	16	5	18	39

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Miner School To Fete Opening Of New Building

Miner School, three miles east of Sikeston, will celebrate the opening of its new building Thursday night. The four-room building has three class rooms, a large auditorium, and basement, complete with modern lighting, plumbing, hardwood floors, and many built-in features.

The old brick building will be used for the WPA lunch room, which has fed approximately 70 school children daily the past two years. The school WPA garden last summer produced enough for 1,800 cans of vegetables for the lunch room's use this winter.

Miner School has been chosen as a Model Health School (rural) by District Public Health Nurse, Miss Anno, in co-operation with the State Board of Health. Pupils have been inoculated against smallpox and diphtheria. Typhoid shots will be given soon, and plans are being made to give cod liver oil to the children.

The school follows the rural school music program and has a thirty-five piece rhythm band, a 12-piece tonette band, upper grade and lower grade choruses. The school has an enrollment of nearly 80, under the leadership of three teachers, Mrs. Jewell Allen, Mrs. J. J. Reeves, and Miss Madge Davis.

Directors of the school are Orville L. Denton, C. W. Elliott, Roy Masterson, and Mrs. Harold Lewis, clerk.

The opening Thursday evening will feature "Buck Turner and His Buckaroos" from Radio Station WREC at Memphis. Profits from an admission charge will be applied to the cost of a new enclopedia for the school.

Octogenerian Wins Card Prize

Bridge playing of J. W. Baker, Sr., 817 North Kingshighway, won for him another prize on the occasion of a party held in honor of his eighty-eighth birthday Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary last Monday.

Schwegler to Chicago Parley

Bartley R. Schwegler, district manager of the State Farm Insurance Companies, left Sunday afternoon for Chicago, where he will attend the national convention of the State Farm Insurance Companies. He will be accompanied to St. Louis by Mrs. Schwegler, who will visit her mother.

Schwegler states than on account of satisfactory production in his district he will have all of his expenses paid to the convention. He expects to return Thursday.

Richard Lowery Given Promotion

Richard Lowrey, employe at the Dixie Greyhound bus station here, has been promoted to a position as ticket agent for the line at Jackson, Miss.

He came here from Tiptonville, Tenn., and recently has worked nights at the station. Succeeding him will be Jesse Carroll, an employ of Heisserers Drug Store.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Leech entertained at their home Sunday with a birthday dinner complimenting Mrs. Leech's mother, Mrs. Emma Jones. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cornice Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Medley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Berry of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carter of DeSoto, John D. Fields and Miss Eugie Fields, a sister of Mrs. Jones, also celebrated her birth anniversary Sunday.

TO ENTERTAIN CLASS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirk will entertain members of the Keystone Class of the Presbyterian Church at their home on North Kingshighway Wednesday evening.

SECRETARY



Miss Vernetta Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, 411 Matthews Street, who for eight years has been secretary of the Sikeston Standard.

Father of Sikestonian Dies

B. W. Fink, 76, father of Mrs. M. M. Duncan of Sikeston, died in a hospital at Poplar Bluff Wednesday night.

Invalided about six years ago shortly after the death of his wife, he had been cared for in his home at Bloomfield until about two weeks ago when he was removed to a hospital: An attack of pneumonia, suffered earlier in the week, was given as the cause of his death.

Surviving are four other children—Miss Chlo of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Vincent Ashley of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Polly Scott of Bloomfield, and Lieut.-Commander B. W. Fink, Jr., who is stationed at Seattle, Wash. Another daughter, Miss Juanita, died Nov. 10, 1940, following a stroke she suffered two or three days earlier.

He was born in Bremen, Ind., Dec. 14th. 1864. At the age of 16 he moved to Bollinger county and lived there until after his graduation from the Cape Girardeau Normal School.

His wife preceded him in death in 1934.

Shortly following his marriage he moved to Brownwood where he engaged in the timber business. Eight years later, in 1896, the family moved to Bloomfield, where he became manager for the Pioneer Cooperage Co., that operated a large mill there at that time. After the company moved its plant from Bloomfield, the Fink family remained, but Mr. Fink continued in the employ of the company as one of its foremen. In appreciation of his long and valuable service the company continued to keep him on its payroll after he became incapacitated some six years ago.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Scottish Rite order.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church, with Rev. R. J. Allen in charge. Interment was in the Bloomfield cemetery.

Death Takes Retired Farmer

James A. Oliver, 80-year-old retired farmer, died at 12:30 a. m. Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levvie C. Talley, 135 North Frisco street. He had been in ill health three years.

Born in Lion County, Kentucky, April 5, 1860, Mr. Oliver had lived in and near Sikeston 50 years.

Besides Mrs. Tally, he is survived by five other daughters, Mrs. Agnes Edwards, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Bessie Gibbs, Chaffee; Mrs. Minnie Decker and Mrs. Mattie Sidwell, both of Sikeston and Mrs. Beatrice Dean, Grant City, Ill.; two nephews, Dick Dean, Charleston and Tennie Dean, Eddieville, Ky.; 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Tally at 2 p. m. Saturday with the Rev. J. F. Hoffert, pastor of the Nazarene church, in charge. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery at Charleston with Welsh service.

SON TO CUTRELLS

A son weighing eight and a half pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cutrell at the Sikeston General Hospital Friday evening. He has been given the name Ralph Spencer.

Residence Gutted by Fire

A two-story frame house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Louie Largents on North Kingshighway, was gutted by fire discovered at 11:45 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Largents were not at home at the time and firemen broke into the house, taking out clothing, a stove, refrigerator, dining and living room furniture before flames reached them.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was estimated to have caused at least $4,500 worth of damage to the house, owned by Tom Baker of Malden, and the contents.. Some insurance was reported to have been carried on the property.

The entire roof of the structure was afire when the firemen were summoned and nothing but the walls and a charred interior stood when the blaze was extinguished.

Car Overturns On Highway 60

A Packard sedan was wrecked but its occupants escaped injury when the vehicle overturned after crashing into a truck on highway 60, five miles east of Sikeston at 4:30 a. m. Saturday.

Sgt. Melvin Dace of the state patrol arrested the driver Thomas P. Allen, Decatur, Ill., and he was fined $50 and cost when he appeared before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell.

The machine, owned by Ernest Smith, Decatur, was damaged to the extent of approximately $300. It was dented on all sides, the top smashed in, front wheels torn off and the front left grille bashed in.

The Packard struck the rear of a truck driven by John A. Neely of Marion, Ill. Wheels on the trailer were knocked out of line. No one was injured.

Firemen Heed 18 Alarms

Firemen have been summoned to 18 fires during February, only two of which incurred heavy damage to property.

They were called to 314 Daniels street Sunday where they extinguished a grass fire without damage.

Saturday night they put out a roof fire at the C. L. Blanton, Sr., home 305 Tanner.

Steam from a vent pipe at the home of Dr. Howard A. Dunaway, 309 North Prairie, Monday at 8:45 a. m. brought them to that residence. There was no damage.

A call was made Friday at 4:05 p. m. to 312 Matthews where they put out a grass fire without loss.

Matthews Baby Dies

Junior Burch, day-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Irbie Burch of Matthews, died Sunday at 10 p. m.

Brief services were held Monday morning at the home with interment in Matthews cemetery with Albritton service. The Rev. G. A. Hardin officiated.

Surviving besides the parents is a sister, Linda Lee, three.

CHILD'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Judith Lee, the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sells, Jr., who was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau last Friday, suffering with a badly infected throat, is much improved and is expected to be brought home this Monday afternoon. She will be accompanied by an aunt, Mrs. William Schuette, a trained nurse at the hospital, who will remain in charge of the case for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Sells and Miss Jewell Mouser were with the child during the critical period of the illness.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The St. Paul's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Kendall Sikes on North Kingshighway. Mrs. Milem Limbaugh, as guest speaker, will review the book "Rebirth of a Nation" by Jacob Gartenhaus. All members are requested to be present.

Norway's northern coast is rising at the rate of five feet every hundred years.

Blaze Razes Two Story Structure

A two-story frame building at 127 East Malone Avenue, owned by Mrs. Laura Slack, was gutted by fire Thursday night.

Nothing was saved from the structure, which with the exception of the Caleb Smith real estate office, was operated as a rooming house by Mrs. Lenna Marshall, who made her home there.

Damage to the building and contents was estimated at $4,000 but papers of Smith which went up in the smoke may increase the amount of the loss, reported to have been at least partially covered by insurance.

FLAMES FROM EVERY OPENING

Flames were shooting from every opening of the house when firemen arrived. The blaze was discovered at 8:30 p. m. and firemen, who succeeded in keeping flames from spreading to the adjacent Dye Hotel and other nearby structures, worked seven hours before extinguishing it.

L. C. McCoy, a roomer, discovered the fire. He had been reading in his room. It was not until the roof had begun to fall that he made the discovery. All occupants of the house made their escape without injury after his warning. Rapid spread of the fire prevented any of them re-entering to retrieve belongings.

Other roomers were Mrs. Melba Harrison, Dennis Chamness, Miss Lucille Vaughn and Miss Mildred Dickerson. Mrs. Marshall was not at home at the time.

Smith, who had been in Arkansas on business, was unaware of the blaze until he returned at 10 p. m. Thursday. Deeds of trust, which had been recorded, and abstracts were among the papers in his office that were destroyed by fire.

Ends of letters in metal files in the office were charred by the fire but many of them remain legible.

MOVES TO TEMPORARY OFFICE

The real estate man is sharing an office temporarily with Attorney Eugene Munger over Taylor's Ice Cream, several doors west of his former location on East Malone.

Origin of the blaze was not determined but Fire Chief Milburn Arbaugh theorized that it started on the second floor interior in about the middle of the structure, apparently from a chimney flue.

Nothing was left but a hollow shell on the front and sides, most of the rear being burnt away, the interior a mass of charred debris.

Mrs. Slack built the structure in 1902 and for 10 or 11 years operated it as a hotel, the Slack House. Since that time she has rented it to persons, who operated it as a rooming house. Mrs. Marshall had been renting rooms there five years.

In a walk through the ruins Mrs. Marshall found her charred pocketbook and two $5 bills, which had ben scorched but not entirely burned away.

Pick Up in Job Activity

Activity is picking up at the district Employment Service headquarters here.

Twenty additional carpenters were referred to the Fort Leonard Wood construction job at Rolla Thursday and 30 Friday, Manager G. B. Pearson reported. Fifteen carpenters were sent from each of the sub-offices at Caruthersville and Kennett.

Paul J. Trotter, in charge of farm placement activities, reported orders for ten families for general agricultural work in Southeast Missouri and Illinois.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sexton entertained at their home on Matthews Avenue Sunday with a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Sexton's Mother, Mrs. E. H. Smith. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughters, Misses Vernetta and Shirley Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Oda Masters and daughter, Sherrill Ann, Mrs. R. S. Coleman and son, Harold, and Jimmie Sexton.

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Wise Land Use Urged

Delta.—Farmers can "kill two birds with one stone" by establishing "wise land use" practices on land adjacent to drainage ditches, Guy B. Faskon, superintendent of of the Soil Conservation Service CCC Camp, said today. At present soil and moisture conservation work will be started on lands draining into the main ditch of Cape Girardeau County District No. 1.

By liming their soils, establishing soil-building legume rotations, cultivating sloping land on the contour level, and preserving permanent grass cover on land within legal drainage district right-of-way, farmers in drained areas will not only maintain the fertility of their soil but also prevent excessive siltation of drainage ditches, Fasken said.

Use of good rotations, increasing the organic matter in the soil, keeps the arth "open and porous, in good condition to receive rain", it was explained. Less water runs off the land, carrying soil with it.

"The amount of erosion which takes even on land that appears perfectly flat to the unaided eye is astounding", the superintenednt asserted. "Heavy rains falling on open cultivated land with slopes no greater than 1 per cent often cost the farmer a considerable amount of soil per acre, thus decreasing the value of the farm land and increasing the maintenance cost on the legal ditch".

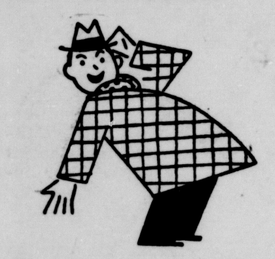
Pile into drainage ditches, clogging them and necessitating dredging operation, eroded soil imposes an "additional cost" on landowners, he pointed out.

The practice of plowing land up to the edge of a ditch greatly increases the silting problem in the local drainage districts, according to the superintendent.

"Experience has shown that where a grass buffer strip has been maintained along a ditch, the amount of silt washing into the legal ditch has been decreased," he said.

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Hardware Session Opens

St. Louis. — Everything from seeds to sickles will be on display at the forty-third annual Convention of the Missouri Retail Hardward Association to be held in St. Louis, Tuesday through Thursday, at the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium. Approximately 10,000 different items will be exhibited by the 110 exhibitors (manufacturers and jobbers) who have reserved space at the convention, according to Louis C. Kreh, Secretary of the Association.

Advance registration, Kreh said, indicates an attendance of more than 2,000 retail hardware dealers of Missouri and Illinois. This compares to an attedance of well over 1600 at last year's convention.

"The importance of the retail hardware dealer to the community which he serves," said Kreh, "is graphically illustrated by a glance at the hundreds of items which will be exhibited and which are stocked by the average hardware store in the small city as well as the metropolitan center. Wire, fence, guns, ammunition, lamps and stoves, gloves, nails and paint —these are but a few of the items which are regularly stocked by the small city hardware store.

The general public is invited to attend this Convention and to view this array of hardware and kindred items. They will obtain their free tickets from local hardware dealers.

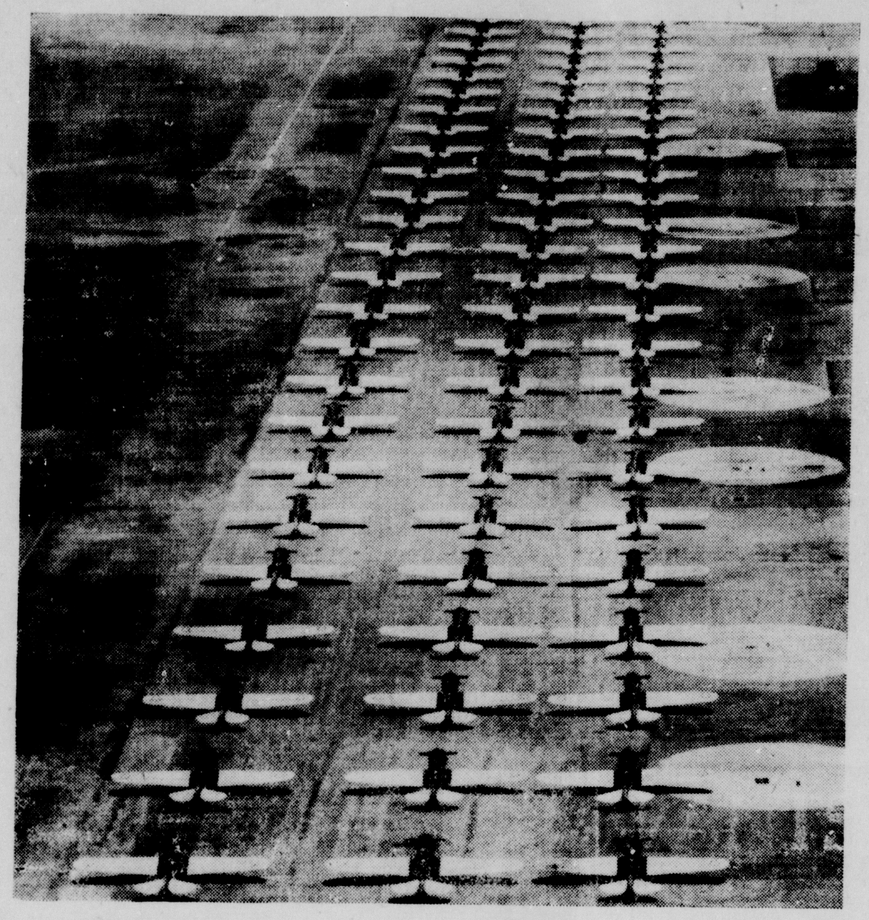
Oral Exams Finished

Jefferson City.—Oral examinations for approximately 2,000 applicants for positions in the State Social Security Commission and the Unemployment Compensation Commission have just been completed, William H. Bartley of St. Louis, Chairman of the Merit System Council, announced today. These oral tests constitute the final phase of the merit examination program instituted in the State Social Security Commission last year. The Unemployment Compensation Commission has been selecting its employes by means of merit examinations since January, 1938.

Only those persons successfully passing the written tests given in December were admitted to the oral examinations. The written tests were given for the purpose of testing the technical knowledge of the applicants while the oral interviews are designed to evaluate traits, appearance and physical fitness for the position. The oral examinations were conducted by examing boards of leading citizens in various areas of the State.

These oral tests virtually complete the merit examination program as it applies to the Social Security Commission. Eligible lists of all persons successfully passing the entire examination will be established for practically all classes of positions in the Commission within the next two or three weeks. Subsequently, all vacancies in that agency, as well as in the Unemployment Compensation Commission, will be filled from these lists and those established as a result of earlier examinations.

WINGS OF THE ARMY GROW STRONGER



With the eyes of the nation turned skyward, this lineup of some of the trainers of the Flying Cadet Corps at Randolph Field, Texas, "West Point of the Air," is both impressive and reassuring. It is in these 450 horse-power low wing monoplanes, closely patterned on the modern day fighter, that 12,000 military pilots will receive their basic training this year. In 30 short weeks these young college men will have completed their training and exchanged their Flying Cadet 'blues' for the uniforms of Lieutenants of the Army Air Corps. Silver "Wings," emblematic of the military pilot will adorn their chests. Then they will take their places alongside the veteran pilots of the G. H. Q. Air Force, Uncle Sam's "Airmada," the nation's new first line of defense.

Fire Sweeps Morley Church

Morley — The Methodist church was damaged by fire, discovered at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday when the west side of the frame structure was observed to be in flames.

A metal roof probably saved the church from destruction. The Rev. H. M. Andrews hopes that repairs can be made immediately.

A house occupied by Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Malinda Nations was destroyed by fire at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday. The contents were saved from the dwelling, owned by J. R. Lee.

Furlough, army term for leave of absence, comes from the Dutch "ver lof", which means "for leave."

Spelling Bee Held by Club

The Woman's Civic Club met at the Library Tuesday afternoon for a regular business session and program. Mrs. E. A. Belden, program leader, conducted a spelling bee and quiz, in which Mrs. Lynn Caruthers won first, with Mrs. Kendall Sikes, second in the spelling bee.

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the club will be Dr. Emmett Hoctor of the State Hospital at Farmington, who will talk on "The Emotional Needs and Problems of Children". Members of the P.-T. A. Senior Woman's Club and Pre-school Group will be invited to the meeting.

GLEANERS CLASS TO MEET

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Ruth Malone Monday at 7:30 p. m. Circle No. 4 will entertain with a George Washington party.

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Canalou Troop Is Installed

Troop 59 was installed at Canalou Wednesday night by troop 42 of Sikeston.

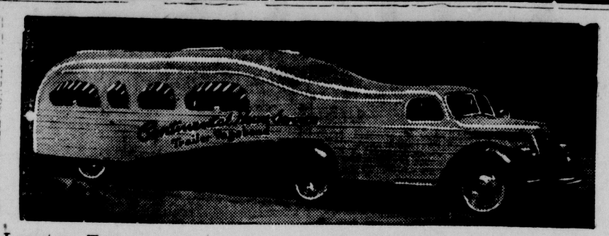
Ben Caldwell is Scoutmaster of the new troop and Neal Aslin, chairman of the troop committee.

Essex Farmer Death Victim

John W. Vinson, 67, Essex farmer, died Thursday morning at his home. A brother, Eli Vinson, Poplar Bluff, survives.

Funeral services were held at the Pentecostal church at Essex Friday with the Rev. R. Reed officiating. Burial was in an Essex cemetery with Ellise service.

During September the nation's airlines flew approximately 9,000,000 revenue miles and carried approximately 250,000 revenue passengers without an unusual accident.



Langtry, Texas:

A self-appointed Judge ruled over 33,000 square miles of western Texas back in the eighteen nineties. That's the size of Maine, Indiana, or half the state of Washington.

He lived in a town he named after a woman he never saw.

His peculiar brand of justice included fining a dead Mexican laborer $40.00 found in one pocket for carrying a pistol found in another.

Known as the "Law west of the Pecos," this husky, bearded, "Judge" Roy Bean maintained order for twenty years, backed by a pair of shooting-irons and a worn copy of the "Texas' Revised Statutes of 1876."

His justice may have been harsh, and certainly profitable to himself, but he filled a position very necessary at the time. His domain of rolling plains and flat-topped mesas, lying between the Pecos and Rio Grande Rivers, was far from organized law of either State or Union.

He never saw Lillian Langtry, but captivated by a picture of the famous actress, he named his small cattle-town after her. His saloon he called by her nickname, "The Jersey Lily."

After many vain attempts to strike up a correspondence with Lily he finally succeeded by telling her how he'd honored her name. She promptly offered to donate a drinking-fountain to the town's public square. The judge declined with thanks, saying they didn't drink much water locally. Besides, that public square was dominated by the tree and chains he used for a jail.

Lily passed through the town in 1905, three years after the old pioneer's death. She was given a rousing ovation, a pair of mules and many other tokens of esteem. In return she gave the local school-house $100.00. If the Judge had still been on the job he probably would have fined the school half the money merely from habit. It was second nature with the old boy.

One case proving his ingenuity was that of a lad sentenced to hang. The boy wrote his mother, stating that he was to be executed and was sending his savings of $400.00. The Judge intercepted the letter, altered the sentence to a fine of $300.00 of the $400.00 he hadn't known about until then and sent the boy on his way.

Dispensing beer and justice alike from his small saloon, he held court on its front porch, recessing frequently to don an apron and refresh the spectators at a dollar a bottle. His customers' elbows and glasses wore down the front of his twelve-foot bar a full inch. It stands there today, untended in the weathered, cracking saloon.

Langtry's practically deserted now, having been missed by the railroad and highway, yet an average of a hundred tourists a day detour the necessary nine miles to see the famous "Jersey Lily," restored a year ago by the highway commission.

It's now under the care of the kindly, bearded westerner, Mr. Willie Wise, who's often mistaken for the old "Judge" by badly informed visitors.

Slow death came to his settlement of the Old West but the name of its hardy founder will never die.

Trailer Vagabond is furnished The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard through the courtesy of Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

100 a Day Perish in Auto Mishaps

Hartford, Conn., — No single catastrophe in the United States last year approached the daily average of almost 100 lives lost in automobile accidents, according to a new booklet entitled "Here Today—" just issued by The Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet is the eleventh in a series issued annually and presents a comprehensive analysis of the facts about accidents in which 35,000 persons were killed and more than 1,300,000 others were injured in 1940.

Automobile accidents on an average day last year took twice the number of lives lost in the Kenvil, N. J., powder blast, three times the toll of the Georgia-South Carolina hurricane, and four times that of the Little Falls train wreck or the Lovetsville airplane crash, the report says. The number injured in traffic on an average day exceeded the total casualties of the six major disasters of 1940 combined.

"If fatalities make news," the booklet points out, "then the nation's traffic death toll is the banner headline story 365 days of every year."

The title "Here Today—" naturally suggests that it will be "gone tomorrow" for those who continue to flout the traffic laws and the rules of safety in 1941. Then the familiar saying is changed to a new life-saving slogan: "Care Today—Here Tomorrow."

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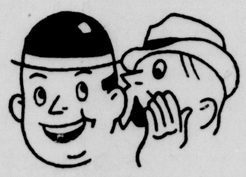
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THE way cars have been stretching out lately, it usually takes only a couple of cars to occupy the curb space of an extension-ladder fire truck.

Not so with the newest additions to the 1941 Buick line.

Here we've reversed the trend—just to prove that an honest-to-golly BIG car can be built without going overboard on bumper-to-bumper distance.

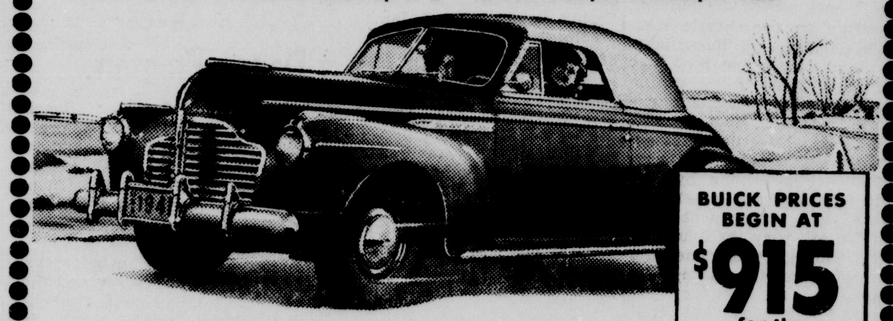
The four new models now adorning the Buick SPECIAL Series fit neatly into modest garages without putting a permanent crimp in the doors.

They slip into parking places smoothly as a rowboat nestles up to a dock—and the way they flit through traffic is a delight to wheel-weary drivers.

When it comes to *action* — well, they've got a 115-hp. FIREBALL eight under their bonnets that skims you down the road like a mallard heading home. You can add Compound Carburetion at small extra cost and have 125 horsepower that does things we hardly dare hint about in print.

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Late in the nineteenth century and early 1900s, St. Louis, the commercial metropolis of the central Mississippi valley, was the witness of and background for unusual impetus toward the promotion of transportation facilities over the Mississippi. The St. Louis Merchants' bridge, opened for traffic in 1890, was the second of seven bridges built to span the Mississippi between St. Louis and Alton, Illinois. The Eads bridge, three miles to the south, had been opened formally July 4, 1874, as the first bridge across the river below the mouth of the Missouri. In time, one historian was led to conjecture that within this 25-mile distance "there were more bridges over a major navigable stream that any place else in the world."

The Merchants' bridge, built under the auspices of the Merchants Exchange of St. Louis for railroads only, is notable for its heavy tonnage and as a route for many famous passenger trains of leading railroads. The plan for building the bridge was inaugurated under the laws of the state of Illinois. An act of Congress, approved February 3, 1887, fifty-four years ago this week, and amended by an act approved September 10, 1888, authorized the construction of the bridge. Early in February 1887, one week after the first measure of approval by the government, engineers and surveyors were engaged in locating a site for the bridge.

A contract for the three main spans and 425 feet of steel approach on each side was let to the Union bridge company of New York which followed in detail the plans recommended by the engineers. On March 26, 1890, the exchange announced that the bridge was complete. The entire cost was given as $2,000,000.

The Merchants' bridge was built even better than the act of Congress in 1887 provided for or contemplated. The two main river piers, each 12 feet thick and 48 feet long, were raised so that the clear height in the center of the central span was 52 feet above the high water mark, instead of the "50" feet required by the act, and also the height at the end of the shore spans was about 4 inches less than that provided for—each change an improvement from the navigation standpoint.

It can be said that the immense strength of the Merchants' bridge devolves from the eclectic tendencies of its builders. The dimension stone was laid in Portland cement mortar and the backing in Louisville cement. All the piers were of Bedford, Indiana, limestone, to within three feet of the low water mark, of Missouri granite from there to the high water mark, and of Bedford limestone from there to the top.

Three spans bridge the river channel, all of steel and with a total length of 1,566.5 feet. These carry a double railroad track and will support a moving load of three tons to the linear foot, with extra provision for local strain. The entire structure, from the foot of the grade on the west, is practically two miles long.

Although the Merchants' bridge is not comparable to the Eads bridge as an engineering accomplishment, its center span is about 11 feet longer than the longest span in the famous Eads structure and in total length it is 733 feet longer.

By April, 1891, the bridge had connections with all railroads entering East St. Louis. The freight yard facilities in St. Louis, provided for in connection with the bridge, made possible the loading and unloading of 350 cars daily. The demand for even greater shipping facilities led the St. Louis Merchants' Bridge terminal railroad company, an auxiliary of the bridge company, to make the expansion of the terminal facilities its chief work for 1891-1892.

The official report on the Merchants' bridge, unlike that for the Eads bridge, which named James B. Eads and his associates, Henry Flad and Charles Pfeiffer, for meritorious service, does not emphasize the work of a single engineer engaged in the building of this noted bridge.

The United States imports 2,000,000,000 pounds of coffee from Latin America every year.

TRAVELOG



Jackson Square in romantic New Orleans, the city of ideal winter vacations and the scene of the Mardi Gras carnival celebrated this year on February 25 . . .

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

R. A. HARPER, Superintendent

WHAT ABOUT OUR HOOKY PLAYERS?

All school activities have a definite place on the school calendar. In the fall, softball and football occupy the spotlight. Then comes basketball and debate. As the first signs of spring appear, we get ready for track. Kites are among these harbingers of spring along with playing marbles. When teachers forbid playing marbles, for keeps, the game is called funnies—play for fun but keep all you get.

Also, with the first signs of spring comes an increase in absences. Spring fever seems to get the best of some students, and school becomes too burdensome. At the end of the quarter some parents can't understand why their boy or girl has been out of school so much.

Of course, every teacher in the entire school is concerned about the regular attendance at school. However, we believe it is the duty of every parent to see to it that their children come to school. Teachers are not employed to go out on the streets and haul youngsters to school. Our school nurse is designated as attendance officer. We believe it is more important to find out why youngsters are out of school and administer to their needs than to run them down on the streets.

There are certain pupils in our schools—both grades and high—whose names appear regularly on the absentee lists. Invariably these same pupils make inferior and below average grades. Furthermore, the honor and proficient rolls are made up of students whose names seldom appear on the absentee list. Barring those that have genuine excuses for being absent, over eighty per cent of the chronic absentees are inferior students. Also, those students who do consistent home study are usually on the honor or proficient rolls.

The percentage of attendance throughout our school system is satisfactory when compared with other schools. Yet we feel that it should be better. The large majority of parents cooperate with the schools to the fullest extent. Our schools are operated for the good of all. All wealth is taxable for school purposes for the benefit of all the children of all the people.

Gas Blast Kills Youth

East Prairie. — Burned from head to foot when gasoline he was pouring into the tank of a tractor exploded late Wednesday, Samuel Lane, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lane, who live 10 miles south of here, died at 9:30 a. m. today at St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Ill.

The flames were extinguished by Thurston Drummond, an oil truck driver from East Prairie, who happened by at the moment of the explosion. Using a small fire extinguished carried in the truck, he put out the boy's blazing clothing.

The youth had gone to the home of his brother-in-law, Eugene Bell, on Shell Island in the southern part of Mississippi County to assist in moving the tractor to the home of Manuel Bell, father of Eugene. In preparation for the move, Lane started to pour the gasoline in the tank.

It was reported but not established that he was smoking at the time, the fumes from the gasoline catching fire, causing the explosion which tossed the blazing liquid over Lane and the tractor. The boy's clothing, bystanders reported, was immediately a mass of flames. With the aid of the fire extinguished, they were able to beat out the fire.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIME

Things even up. Soldiers rob the conquered; and where a camp is established, the natives rob the soldiers.

No wonder our grandparents lived longer than moderns. The way infants were treated in their time, only the tough ones survived.

A hick town is a place where the timid conceal their new prosperity to avoid the enmity of envious neighbors.

We've often wondered what this world was coming to, and it looks now as if we shall soon find out if we can manage to hang on to it a little while longer.

The Nazis keep saying gold is no longer worth anything as a medium of exchange. That's a pretty big bunch of sour grapes Uncle Sam has buried in Kentucky.

Well, anyway, about 8 per cent of the people in this country are highly intelligent. When asked by public opinion pollers what should be done about various national and international problems, they reply that they don't know.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

The wife of one of the carpenters working on our building opened a letter from her son at college.

"Land sakes!" she exclaimed. "John writes that he threw the hammer 200 feet."

"Gawd!" said her husband, feelingly. "He must have hit his thumb a hell of a whack!"

An old negro preacher was known by the white folks to have a weakness for Cherry Brandy, and one of them offered him a bottle if he would acknowledge it completely in the next issue of the church magazine.

The offer was accepted and contained the following item: "The minister thanks Mr. Jones for his gift of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given."

Mrs. Neraby — My ancestry dates back to before the days of Charlemagne. How old is your family?

Mrs. Chubbwitt—I really can't say. You see, all our family records were lost in the flood.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Nautically, "to salt" means to put salt between planks of a ship for the preservation of the timber.



FIRST APPROVAL ON FEDERAL-AID SUPPLEMENTARY HIGHWAY SYSTEM

The Misouri State Highway Department has received approval of an initial federal-aid secondary highway system composed of 8200 miles, C. W. Brown, Chief Engineer, announced this week.

While federal aid secondary money has been allotted the state since July 1, 1937 on a project basis, this is the first approval received on a secondary system.

"The approval of the initial supplementary system will be of much value to the highway department in securing early approval of construction projects on the feeder system," Mr. Brown said.

Since July 1, 1937, the allotment of federal secondary funds for Misosuri has totaled $2,945,238, including the 1942 allotment. Of this amount $519,261 will be available July 1, 1941 for commitment. This will be an increase of $71,812 over the previous year's allotment.

Secondary or feeder roads, it is explained, are roads which are not included in the federal-aid highway system and include farm-to-market roads, mine-to-market roads, rural free delivery mail roads, public school bus routes, and other roads of community value which connect with important highways or which extend reasonable adequate highway service from such highways, or which lead to rail or water shipping points or local settlements.

This federal aid secondary system cannot exceed ten per cent of the total road mileage within the state and is in addition to the seven per cent composing the federal-aid system.

Data supplied by the state-wide highway planning survey was used by the department in selecting the initial mileage.

Under the present law no specified amount of funds is required to be set aside for the supplementary system; however, when the commisison does allot funds for the building of supplementary roads, such funds must be expended in the counties in proportion to their area and population, excluding the area and population of St. Louis and Kansas City, it was explained.

There has been a total of $44,012,979 State and federal money spent or committed to date on the supplementary highways now constituting a part of the state system. Included in this amount are $2,242,488 in unallotted federal grants and $357,389 in special grants. All construction work represented by these expenditures was under the supervision of the highway department.

An Authorization and Amendment of June 16, 1936, to the Federal-aid Highway Act approved July 11, 1916, authorized the allocation of Federal funds to assist in the building of these roads.

Supplementary roads on the state system now total 7514 miles, 98 per cent of which has an all-weather surface.

State highway maintenance patrolmen on gravel roads have taken advantage of open weather and moisture to reshape and crown gravel sections which are now in excellent travel condition. Lack of severe freezing weather thus far this winter has caused few heaves in road surfaces, reducing repair work to a minimum, it is said.

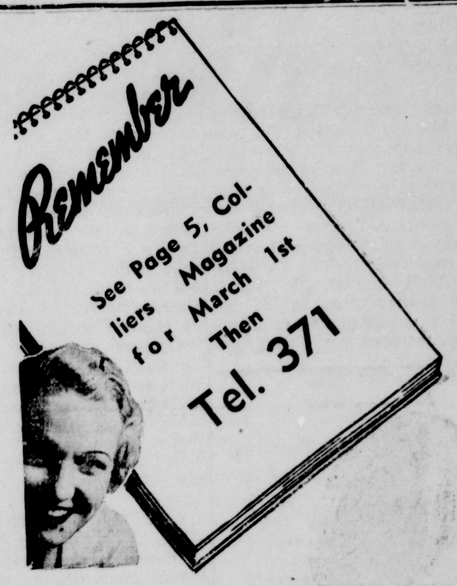
Special signs have been erected on U. S. Route 66 in the vicinity of Fort Leonard Wood, due to congestion of traffic near the new army training camp.

Victim of Tornado Dies

Charleston. — A tornado which swept through Mississippi County about a year ago, Thursday claimed a victim.

Little Elsa Mae Johnson, who was 2 months old when the storm overturned a house trailer, died of burns received in the fire which followed. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, also severely burned, have recovered.

In the interest of increased safety while driving, it is recommended that the driver hold the rim of the steering wheel, not the spokes.



Parks Talks To Employes

President Oliver Parks of St. Louis addressed 109 of the 114 employes of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics here at a banquet meeting held at the Dunn Hotel Tuesday night.

C. OF C. COMMITTEE NOMINATES

The nominations committee of the Chamber of Commerce named a slate of officers to serve the organization during the coming year at a session held at the Palace Cafe at noon today. Selections were not disclosed pending presentation to a meeting of the organization which will be called in the next two weeks. Dr. Howard A. Dunaway is chairman of the committee.

TANK CATCHES FIRE

An oil tank outside of the North End Grocery on Hunter street caught fire at 12:30 p. m. Thursday, scorching the side of a wall. The blaze was put out by firemen.

Modern Pied Piper Here

Carrying live rats in a wire trap which he made, L. Sandifer of Beaumont, Tex., came to Sikeston Thursday night to sell his trap and exterminate rats.

A former boiler maker at Port Arthur, Tex., Sandifer has been in the rat trap business eight years and has sold his wares in 38 states.

FARM LEADERS SPEAKS

County Agent Leon M. Lane, Home Demonstration Agent Ella Fikuart and Alva F. Vaughn, manager of the Farm Bureau Service Company, Benton, addressed a Farm Bureau meeting held at the Miner school Thursday night. Moving pictures were shown and there was group singing.

London stores which specialize in air raid precaution equipment are marketing a transparent paint that prevents window glass from shattering.







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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALDERMAN, WARD ONE

We are authorized to announce Joseph L. Matthews as a candidate for Alderman from Ward One, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

ALDERMAN, WARD FOUR

We are authorized to announce E. H. Smith as a candidate for Alderman from Ward Four, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

ALDERMAN, WARD THREE

We are authorized to announce S. L. Lawrence as a candidate for Alderman from Ward Three, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

Maple trees in bloom, jonquils almost ready to open, tulips coming through the ground, mourning doves billing and cooing makes one think Spring is just around the corner. Then it snowed.

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A man visited The Standard office Monday morning and was not very happy over a story carried in the last issue of the paper in regard to a cutting affair near Kluge's Hill. He ordered his paper discontinued after his subscription expired, but as he was not a subscriber to The Standard we couldn't stop it. It seems strange that parents should get mad at a newspaper for publishing such scrapes, but they do. We sympathize with parents when their son or daughter get in print, but have to print the news without fear or favor.

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Washington's Birthday was just about like any other day in Sikeston, the morning opened up cloudy with a slight touch of snow showing. Later in the day the sun came out and shown brightly. A few flags were in evidence, the Postoffice and Bank were closed for the day. George was an aristocrat and in his day and time was the wealthiest man in the Nation, was a large land owner and interested in every phase of agriculture. Sent abroad for improved seed and believed in fertilizing his fields. From Valley Forge he wrote his farm manager to see that one herring fish was planted in each hill of corn. He brought to this country the first Jackass ever imported. The Jack came from Spain. From what we hear of Washington in Washington and Virginia he had his weaknesses as have other men in these days and times. With all he was "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," so says an inscription on a statute in the Capitol grounds at Washington.

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Here's terrible news for radio fans: Old Doc Brinkley has gone into bankruptcy. It always was a relief to turn the dial from such programs as the beer, cigarette and cornplaster companies put on to the station at Del Rio, Texas, where Doc Brinkley was discoursing on pleasant things like prostate glands and the possibilities of Billy Goat parts. He will be missed.—Paris Appeal.

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At Harrisonville the good editor, Edgar Idol, writes an excellent column of editorials which he places on the next to the last page of his fine newspaper. We have often wondered why he passed up the earlier pages and can't decide whether it is modesty or a belief that his readers will absorb everything that come before in an effort to find those punchy paragraphs. Now we use the second page of this newspaper for our editorials, hoping that our readers will get them read before wearing themselves out on other printed matter. Our Uncle Charley at Sikeston takes no chances on his paragraphs being passed over, putting them on the front page. However, it would be a service to his advertisers if he would attempt to hide them inasmuch as his readers would likely look for the "Polecat Column" before reading anything else.—Shelbina Democrat.

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I. A. Myers, of The Standard office, had a birthday Sunday and in honor of the occasion Mrs. Myers prepared an extra spread and invited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bumbarger to join them. Mr. Bumbarger and Mr. and Mrs. Myers are from the same city, Memphis, in Northeast Missouri. In the afternoon both couples drove to Paducah, Ky., to fill out the day. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

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It will probably be several weeks before Governor Donnell will begin to make changes in the principal office to which the Governor has the appointed powers, or until the contest is begun and settled as to which one of the claimants to the governorship has the right and power to cut and divide the political pies.

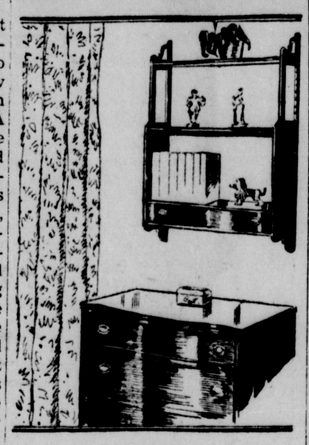
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Mrs. Bess Elder returned home Sunday morning from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she visited with her daughter, Catherine Ann Cook, a pupil in the Cincinnati Conservatory. She reports Catherine was doing fine and was mightly glad to receive this visit from her mother.

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WHAT NEXT?

From THE MERCHANDISE MART



Designed as companion pieces, the chest and wall shelf pictured here may be spaced to effect balance in a room of awkward wall height. The shelves and drawer of the top unit accommodate books and knick-knacks. The chest has a double function too as the top drawer opens into a desk. Similar in design and with matching drawer pulls, the two units complement each other when spaced within reasonable distance.

Cars Collide At Intersection

An Oldsmobile sedan driven by Roy V. Ellise and a Ford coach driven by Mrs. Roy Chaney collided at the intersection of highways 60 and 61 east of the city at 8:15 a. m. Monday morning.

The Ford, being driven south on 61, came to a stop at the intersection and the Ellise car, being driven east on 60 on the railroad right-of-way adjacent to the Simpson Oil Company station. No one was injured. Fenders on the cars were dented. Officer Grover Lewis investigated.

Crowe and Sons Change Location

V. T. Crowe and Sons have moved their plant from Highway 61 to a building on the southeast corner of Center and Scott streets where they will offer garage service and a large selection of used cars.

Snow Flurries And Sleet Here

Snow flurries and sleet enlivened Sikeston's weekend weather picture.

Early Saturday morning a trace of snow and sleet was reported. A few snow flakes fell Monday morning as cool weather continued to hold sway with overcast skies.

The maximum and minimum readings recorded by Harry Young, weather observer, Friday through Monday were 33-20, 42-26, 40-19 and 45-29 respectively.

Two Fined After Fight

Ted Noles and Gene Jines were fined $25.85 each when they appeared before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell Monday on a charge of disturbing the peace.

The men arrested by Constable Walter Hughes on the complaint of Alf Carr, operator of the Top Hat tavern northeast of Sikeston. He charged that the two disturbed the peace at the tavern Saturday night by using loud, profane language and fighting.

Witnesses testified that Noles cut Jines across the left jaw with a knife in the altercation, the wound requiring four stitches to close.

Modernization Seen as Means Of Checking Health Menace

Modernization of older homes as a means of improving safety and health of the occupants has been urged by many persons prominent in the construction industry.

Many dwellings built before enactment of the National Housing Act, and before its influence on property and location standards became felt, provided housing conditions which are thought to have contributed to ill health.

Through improper location on wet and imperfectly drained land, some homes are damp, especially in the lower stories. On the other hand, where buildings are placed in a highly exposed position proper heating in Winter may be impossible.

MANY ARE FIRE HAZARDS

Many homes built before FHA's construction standards became common subject the occupants to continuous fire hazard.

Through defective structure or lack of repair there may be an ever-present danger from accident. Winding stairs take their annual toll in broken limbs, while rotten floors and insecure railings are high in the list of accident causes.

Defective orientation may mean that occupants of buildings are being deprived of sunshine and even an adequate light.

PLUMBING AFFECTS HEALTH

Inadequate plumbing or undesirable or defective fixtures may mean reduced cleanliness and increased opportunity for transmission of diseases.

Windowless rooms, rooms on narrow closed court, or even rooms having only one window means at least discomfort from hot, humid, stale air and probably reduced resistence to disease.

Practically all of these ills may be corrected through modernization. Funds may be obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration for improvement of older dwelling. With proper attention to planning, most older structures can be made structurally safe, and every room can be well lighted, well ventilated, and equipped for comfort and convenience.

Co-op Seeks $20,000 for New Quarters

The Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Cooperative Association soon will be headquartered in a new office building.

Superintendent H. M. Zaricor obtained assurances from Rural Electrification Administration officials in Washington on a recent trip that the structure will be constructed.

National Administrator Harry Slattery already has approved a $14,000 allotment for the project although the moneys have not been released but Zaricor has a request before the REA chief that this amount be raised to $20,000.

Zaricor said that he was anxious that the structure be sufficiently large to accommodate future as well as present needs of the cooperative.

PLANS BEFORE MEETING

He hopes to be able to give definite and approved construction plans to a meeting of the cooperative's directors March 3. An estimate of the cost of construction from an REA architect's preliminary plans indicates that the new structure, single story of brick, concrete and glass, could not be constructed for $14,000, Zaricor explained.

Under present plans, the building would be the largest ever built by REA, Zaricor said. Office rooms, a garage and warehouse and possibly an enlarged substation is included in the plans.

The first office of the cooperative was in the board room of the city hall. Since May 3, 1938 the cooperative has been headquartered at 515 Greer in a building owned by E. R. Putnam.

Zaricor reported that through an arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce a lot had been sold to the cooperative for a price of $1.

He explained that he had taken up the matter with the organization and that Secretary H. L. Harty, Ed Coleman, J. F. Cox, Sr., and Charles D. Matthews III had been instrumental in obtaining the lot, on highway 60 east of Sikeston between the Boyce Implement Company plant and the WPA warehouse. The lot formerly was the property of the Matthews Estate.

CLAUSE IN TRANSACTION

A clause in the transaction requires that if the lot ever is used for other than cooperative purposes the full purchase price will be charged.

As a result of his Washington trip, Zaricor expressed the hope also that 75 spur lines could be constructed soon in Scott, Mississipp, New Madrid, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau counties.

He reported progress on the current 260-mile expansion of lines and said that he would release 40 additional miles on the project Monday night.

The cooperative has wired seven Farm Security Administration group homes at Wyatt (2), East Prairie, Gray Ridge, Morehouse and Lilbourn (2).

Tavern Heads Arrested

Alf Carr, operator, and Charley Baker, manager of the Top Hat tavern north of Sikeston, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hartzell Kimes of New Madrid county Friday morning and charged with disturbing the peace and carrying pistols.

Carr was released on $1,000 bond and Baker was reported detained at the county jail in New Madrid Saturday morning.

Sheriff Albert Ramsberg reported that Kimes had been asked to accompany the men to the home of a 17-year-old girl who lived east of Matthews. The girl had been in the employe of the Top Hat and Carr was reported seeking her return.

Ramsberg said that after the deputy went to the home he discovered that Carr had a pistol on him in making two previous trips to the house and that a gun was found on Baker.

Questions and Answers

Q. I have noticed in several model houses bathroom floors of and attractive designs such as linoleum decorated with borders stars, fish, anchors. How does one obtain this effect?

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Q. What should we consider in planning the location of a terrace for our house?

A. The placing of the terrace will depend largely upon the orientation of the house. Terraces should be located so that they will be protected from the hot afternoon sun either by the house or nearby shade trees. They should have privacy, be easily accessible from the living rooms and, if outdoor dining is planned, be located not too far from the kitchen. Generally speaking, the garden side of the house is the most logical place for the terrace.

Tavern Man Accused

Charles N. Baker, manager of the Top Hat tavern northeast of Sikeston on highway 61, is being held at the county jail in Benton on a charge of assault. He was arrested by Constable Walter Hughes and faces preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell Wednesday.

He was arrested on a complaint sworn out by Ethel Bruce who charged that Baker struck her with his fists and used loud, profane and threatening language at the tavern Thursday.

New Butcher At Grocery

Clyde Parmenter of Kennett, a butcher of 15 years experience, has been employed at the North End Grocery on Hunter street.

He takes the place of John Halter, who resigned.

CLASS TO MEET

The L. A. W. Class will meet this Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. David Lumsden, 113 Cresap, with Mrs. Claude Turner, assistant hostess. Mrs. S. E. Reed will give the devotional.

It is estimated that 500,000 motor cars and turcks were produced during October, 1940. That figure represents the largest single month's production since June, 1937, when 521,137 units were produced.

Approximately four out of every five pedestrians who are killed by automobiles die between the hours of 5 p. m. and 1 a. m.

WANTS

LOST — Female Fox Terrier, white and black, solid black head. Finder please notify J. W. Mathis or phone 9. (1t-47)

WANTED—Carrier boys for newspaper routes, Morehouse, Mo., and Bertrand, Mo. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 18. Preference to boys who need to work. Must furnish reference. If interested write A. B. C. Box 111, Sikeston, Mo.

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, one block from Post Office. 315 Harris, Phone 965. tf-47

FOR SALE—Good saddle horse and other livestock. Phone 691. Sikeston Farm Equipment, Inc. tf-47

FOR SALE—Electric range, excellent condition, $20. Phone 718. (1t-47)

FOR SALE—Baldwin Piano, good condition. Reasonable price. 121 N. Handy St. (1t-47)

FOR RENT—4-rooms and bath, downtown apartment. Completely refinished. Water and heat furnished. Phone 3911, Roland Malcolm. (tf-47)

FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms, 419 W. Gladys. (1t-47p)

FOR SALE—Small farm. Good 5 room house at Blodgett; barn and other buildings. Raymond Marshall, Charleston, Mo. (2t-47p)

FOR RENT — Large bedroom. Close in. 317 North St. (tf-45)

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FOR RENT — Modern bedroom. 408 E. Center. (tf-46)

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. North Handy St. (2t-46)

FOR RENT—House, centrally located. C. F. McMullin Est. Phone 469 or 642. (tf-46)

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OFFICE FOR RENT—Large office room with heat, lights and water. On ground floor in Welsh Building. $25 per month in advance. See H. J. Welsh, 117 E. Center St. (tf-45)

FOR TRADE—Sikeston property for small farm near Sikeston. Apply 618 W. William St. (4t-44p)

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FOR RENT—Sleeping rooms in modern home. Couple preferred. 627 Greer, Phone 455. (1t-40)

FOR RENT — Sleeping room for one or two men. 805 N. Ranney, Phone 242. (tf-34)

WANTED—4 or 5 room house or unfurnished apartment. Call 1157 or 730. (2t-47p)

BOARD AND ROOM for men, combined or separately. 523 Matthews. (tf-37)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, modern. Men only. Phone 241. 260 E. Gladys St. tf-36

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PAVE EAST GLADYS STREET FROM THE WEST LINE OF JOHNSON AVENUE (U. S. HIGHWAY 61) TO THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Sikeston, deems and declares it necessary to pave East Gladys Street from the west line of Johnson Avenue (U. S. Highway 61) to the West line of East Street, all constituting a continuous improvement.

SECTION 2. That said improvement shall be made by removing the present earth roadway, and placing therein a six inch layer of lip type concrete pavement. For a fuller and complete description of the work to be done hereunder, reference is hereby made to plans, specifications, and estimate of costs covering this work, adopted by the City Council by Ordinance Numbered 1541, and now on file with the City Hall.

SECTION 3. That the cost of said paving, and engineering expense shall be done at the expense of the owners of property deriving benefit therefrom, because in the opinion and judgment of the City Council, the general revenue fund of the City is not in a condition to warrant an expenditure therefrom to pay for said work, engineering or any part thereof; and said paving, and engineering shall be included in the estimate of the cost of the improvement, of said street and the whole cost levied as a special assessment or tax against the property deriving benefit from said improvement, and that tax bills shall be issued therefor.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to some weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Sikeston, a copy of this resolution, so that it may be published and appear consecutively in the two next weekly publications of said newspaper following the passage and adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Any resident property owner or owners of land abutting that portion of the above street which is to be improved, shall have the right to file with the City Clerk his or their protest against such improvement within ten days after the last publication of this resolution.

Read the first, second and third times and passed and approved this 21st day of February, 1941.

Approved: G. W. H. Presnell
Mayor

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GROWTH OF THE HIGHWAY INDUSORY IS REVIEWED

The motor car owner of Missouri has become a very prominent stockholder in one of the largest, and certainly the fastest growing, transportation systems on earth, C. W. Brown, Chief Engineer, Missouri State Highway, says in reviewing the development of this important industry.

In twenty-five years the highway systems of the several United States has grown from a few hundred miles to the astonishing total of about 477,000 miles. This figure does not include the streets of the many cities of the union and covers only the rural state highways which have, almost entirely, been constructed with funds provided by the American motor car owner—plus certain contributions by the federal government. Most of the federal contribution came from the same source—the motor car owner—but in a less direct way.

Nearly thirty-one million car owners are the financial supporters of this enormous highway mileage and analysis of the data shown in the annual report of the American Association of State Highway Officials for 1939 reveals the startling fact that there is one mile of state built and maintained rural highway for each 65 cars in the nation. To further break this down we can see that each car owner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of about 81 feet of road.

Missouri car owners—921,269 of them in 1940—have provided nearly 16,000 miles of the national total while the car owners of the average state have provided less than 10,000 miles. In Missouri each 57 cars support one mile of highway and each car owner about 92 feet.

This should give Missourians considerable pride and the following information should be particularly interesting:

In the average state the motor car owners paid in gas tax and registration fees during 1939 a little over $2600 per mile of highways while in Missouri the payment was a little more than $1400 per mile, and this despite the fact that the Misosuri Highway system is of a much higher average type than the national average.

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS TO HOLD 34TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri, the state's largest group of good roads boosters, will convene in St. Louis, February 26, 27 and 28, with convention headquarters at Hotel Statler.

The convention program will cover road subjects of interest to the county judge, road district commissioner, state and county highway engineers, township trustee, city engineer, road contractor and meterial man, all included in the membership of the organization.

Speakers of national importance in the highway industry will appear on the three-day program which will include discussions, motion pictures and exhibits on the importance of roads in national defense.

Hugh Stephens, a former member of the state highway commission, will address the convention Thursday morning, using as his theme "Drifting With An Obsolete State Highway Program".

The Thursday afternoon program will deal largely on national defense roads, and will include Hal. G. Sours, president, American Road Builders Association, of Columbus, Ohio, who will speak on "Road and Airports for Defense;" M. W. Watson, president of the National Association of General Contractors, Topeka, Kansas, on "Contracting Problems Under the Present Emergency", C. D. Franks of the Portland Cement Association, Chicago, on The Relation of Highways to National Defense", and H. K. Bishop, chief division of construction, Public Roads Administration, Washington, D. C., on "Highways for Defense."

The annual banquet, always a feature of the meeting, will be held at 6:30, Thursday evening at the Statler with Tom Collins, a Kansas City writer and lecturer, acting as toastmaster.

Officers of the association are Alex F. Sachs, Kansas City, president; Ray E. Parker, Carthage and L. W. Fitzpatrick, vice-presidents, and James J. Corbett, Jefferson City, secertary-treasurer.

ONE OF THE OLDEST GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri in St. Louis, February 26, 27, and 28, 1941, brings to the fore some interesting historical facts.

According to Carl W. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Missouri highway department, a former president of the organization and one of its moving spirits throughout the years, this is one of the oldest highway or good roads associations in the United States and has been identified with all progressive movements in highway matters in this state since 1908.

A historical sketch of the Highway Engineers' Association as outlined by Mr. Brown, follows:

"The Legislature in 1907 authorized the counties to appoint a highway engineer in each of the 114 counties of the state. The Legislature in 1907 authorized the appointment, by the Board of Agriculture, of a State Highway Engineer. Curtis Hill was the man appointed and he served from 1907 until 1913, when the law was changed, taking the appointment away from the Board of Agriculture and placing it in the hands of the Governor.

"As a result of this statewide recognition of highway importance, the Highway Engineers' Association was organized in 1908; this association was composed of the county highway engineers and surveyors of the various counties. This organization functioned strictly as a highway engineers' association until the passage of the Hawes Law, when it was expanded to take in members of the State Highway Department, which had been authorized by the Legislature in 1917.

"Two years later due to the statewide interest in highway matters and the repeal of the highway engineers' law in many of the counties, the organization was further expanded to include county courts, special road districts, county commissioners, city engineers, contractors, material men, and in fact any individuals who have connection with highway work, and it has functioned as a good roads organization since that time.

"This is one of the oldest highway or good roads associations in the United States and has been identified with all progressive movements in highway matters in this state. It was through this association that the first traffic survey was undertaken and completed; this survey was the forerunner of the present traffic survey authorized in this and other states."

In the early days of the association, the annual meetings were held at different cities in this state. In the last fifteen years, the meetings have been held alternately in Kansas City and St. Louis.

GOOD PROPORTION KEY TO APPEAL

The appearance of a room may often be improved through the simple means of improving proportions.

To make a room seem compact, good proportions must be emphasized. This may be done in a number of ways, and a number of different effects may be obtained. For example, low ceiling give the feeling of restfulness, while high ceilings tend toward formality and stiffness.

Many features which tend to destroy proportion in older homes may be corrected with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. Frequently decoration will give the desired effect.

These features decrease apparent height of the ceiling:

Ceiling not extremely light in color.

Direct lighting system.

Horizontal lines in furniture.

Straight-line molding in wall decorations.

Floor emphasized by use of large rug of heavy texture.

Features which increase apparent height of ceiling:

Ceiling very light in color.

Central lights to call attention to ceiling.

Vertical lines in furniture and window decorations.

No moldings in wall decorations.

Rug small, plain, and inconspicuous.

Features which decrease apparent size of room:

Dark colors.

Warm colors, red or yellow predominating.

Design in rugs, walls, upholstery, or draperies.

Strong contrasts in color, line, and design.

Heavy massive furniture.

Many decorations.

Features which increase apparent size of room:

Light colors.

Cool colors, blue or gray predominating.

Plainness instead of design.

Unity in color, line, and design.

Lightweight furniture in graceful lines.

Few decorations as possible.

POOR FLOORS MAR HOME BEAUTY

Shabby floors often prevent that spic-and-span appearance which most housewives desire in their homes. If the condition of the floor prevents satisfactory refinishing, a new floor is in order.

Laying new hardwood floors over the existing floor is an improvement which may be financed with funds obtained from private lending institutions approved by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

Before the new flooring is laid it is necessary to make sure that the existing floor is level and free from humps and that all loose boards are securely nailed down. Boards that cannot be planned or nailed down level should be replaced, and all rough edges should be sandpapered.

The molding strip at the bottom of the baseboard should be removed and a good quality building paper laid over the old floor. New flooring is applied at right angles to the old floor. A thin flooring will be satisfactory but not one that is less than three-eighths inch thick.

If new flooring has not been laid in all rooms, sloping saddles or thresholds will have to be placed at doorways to overcome the difference in floor levels and the doors refitted by cutting off at the bottom. After finishing, baseboard molding strips should be replaced.

METER LOCATION

To avoid the disturbance of the household by electric-meter readers, a meter may be mounted at right angles to or facing a cellar window so that it can be viewed from the outside of the house.

Missouri Melange

"Displaying remarkable engineering ability," says Fred Bickel, Carrollton game commissioner, "beavers near this city have constructed two dams that would do credit to humans." The Carrollton Democrat, in reporting the story says Mr. Bickel refuses to disclose the location of the dams for fear curiosity seekers would drive the rodents from their homes, constructed in the banks of the dams.

An old rail fence, said by many to be the last one near a transcontinental highway has been torn down says the Monroe City News. The fense, portions of which was more than sixty years old, was located on the Henry Durst farm along U. S. Highway 36. "And thus is recorded the passing of this last direct link with pioneer days of this section of Northeast Missouri," concluded the News.

Work on Leeton's new school building has started reports the Warrensburg Star-Journal. The structure will be 132x102 feet, contain four class rooms and an auditorium, entirely modern and will cost approximately $30,000.

Grading, graveling and tubing five miles of city streets in Bosworth will commence February 28, reports the Sentinel. Plans have been approved by the WPA the township board and the city council.

An old historic landmark in Wayne county that figured in its early history and the state of Missouri will soon be nothing more than a memory. Construction of a new bridge across the St. Francis river near Greenville on U. S. Route 67, made necessary by improved water of Wappapello dam, will soon erase where once Mad Anthony Wayne and General Green, of Civil war days camped when they made forays in that portion of Missouri. A large spring was located on the hill where once stood a cabin which also played an important part in early Wayne county history. Army officers camped there and the first committee to arrange boundries between Lawrence and Wayne counties met on that spot.

Better save your straw hats instead of throwing them at baseball umpires, is the report given by manufacturers at this time who predict a shortage of straws for 1942. This advice is given now in face of continued war, with manufacturers pointing out that most of the materials used in the summer headgear are imported from foreign countries.

The Federal Communications Commission has granted a permit for a new standard broadcasting station at Hannibal to be owned by the Courier-Post Publishing Co. The new station will operate on 1,340 kilocycles, with power of 250 watts, and unlimited time permit.

A toy balloon filled with gas and released recently in Monroe county by Billy Griffith and Don Dierks has been found near Hillville, Ill., more than fifty miles away.

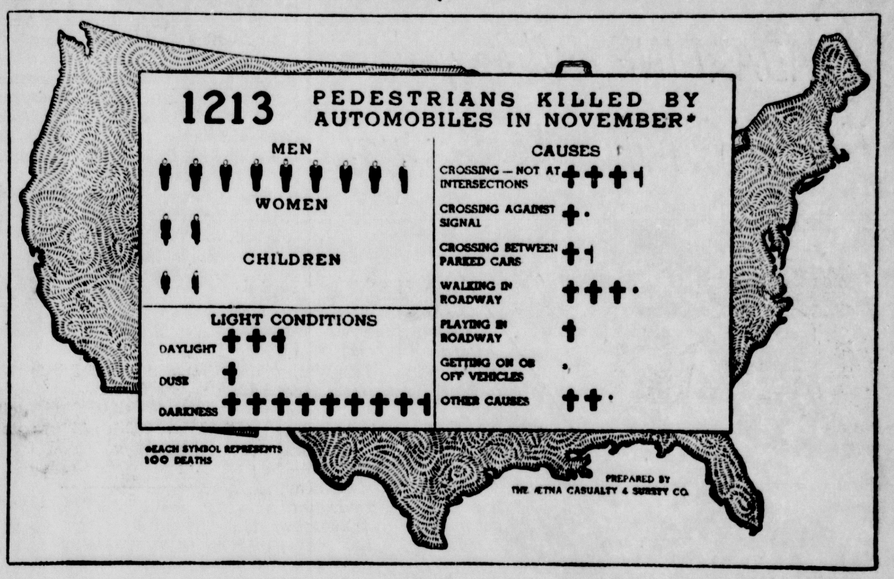
Oil is now flowing through the new pipe line recently laid by Stanolind Pipe Line Company from LaPlata to the Wood River refinery near St. Louis, reports the Clarence Independent-Courier. It took five days for the first oil to make the trip to the refinery.

Protestant ministers of Farmington have launched a membership drive in Farmington for now members, reports the News. It has been estimated by church workers that more than 20 per cent of the population attends worship services.

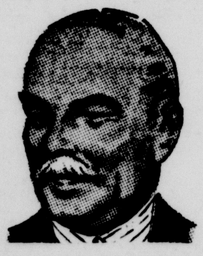
Construction of a new community building and gymnasium to cost $16,485.77 in Pocahontas, Cape Girardeau county, will be started as soon as weather conditions permit. The construction will be a WPA project.

Rabbit hunting, as outlined by the Edina Sentinel, reaches its peak during January and provides fun and profit for many Missouri youngsters. Each year it is estimated more than 150,000 live rabbits are shipped from Missouri to other states. In Missouri, farm boys under seventeen are not required to have a license to hunt or trap rabbits on their own farms.

Retail business in Johnson County, says the Warrensburg Star-Journal, for 1939 was valued at $4,139,000, according to a compilation by the Bureau of Census. During that year there were 315 stores located in the county, with 150 being credited to Warrensburg. Total retail sales in that city were $2,473,000.



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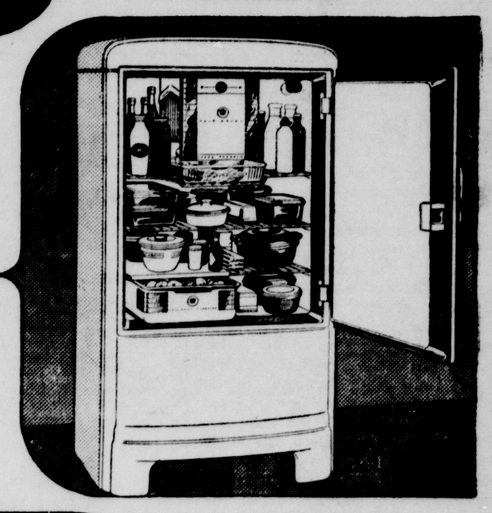
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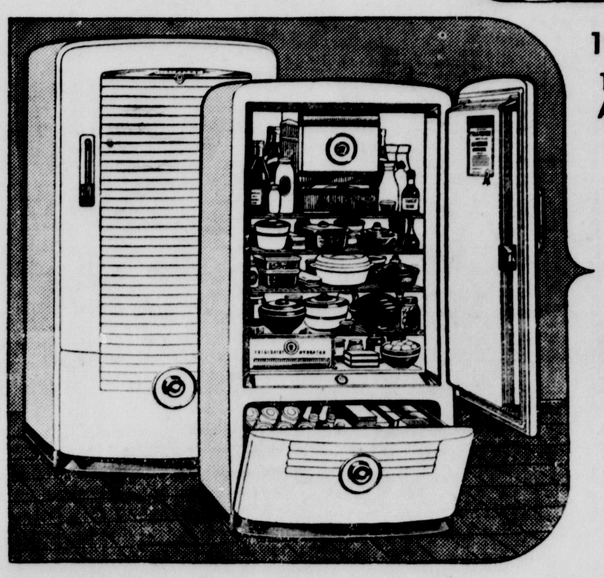
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The amount collected in Scott County was $96,472.72. The past year was a good business year and Auditor Smith made effort to collect any delinquent tax because of the great need for this revenue to care for the increasing number of those in need of old age assistance. As a result, in spite of lack of funds, the receipts for 1940 were $23,019,436.38

The benefits coming to this county from the sales tax were as follows:

For Schools $99,663.13.

For Old Age Assistance $56,-258.54.

Care of Insane and Charity Patients $13,205.20.

Poor Relief $9,428.48.

Care of Dependent Children $7-018.62.

The total of these amounts $185,573.97 or $89,101.25 greater than the amount collected from the county.

The first steel pipe was made by screwing together old musket barrels in 1815. Today, 8,500,000 tons of steel pipe annually are made in the United States.

Under-inflation of automobile tires is more dangerous that over-inflation.

Chaffee to Elect Mayor

Chaffee.—The City Council of Chaffee, meeting Wednesday night, rescinded its former action granting a year's leave of absence to Mayor O. T. Honey, declared the office vacant, and certified notice for election of a new mayor to fill two years of the unexpired term of four years when the regular municipal election is held in April.

The council on Dec. 18 adopted a resolution granting the leave to Mayor Honey, a lieutenant and band leader in the 140th Infantry of the Missouri National Guard, who was called to active military service with the Guard at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. The leave became effective Dec. 23, when Lieut. Honey reported for active duty.

L. D. Lankford, who was president pro-tem of the council, has been serving as mayor since, and explained that the council in taking its action thought best that a new mayor be elected to serve in active residential capacity.

The council, he said, could not be sure, in view of general military situations, that the absent mayor would be able to return to his civilian duties at the expiration of his term of leave of absence. The vote for the resolution, rescinding the preceding action, was six for and none against, one councilman not voting.

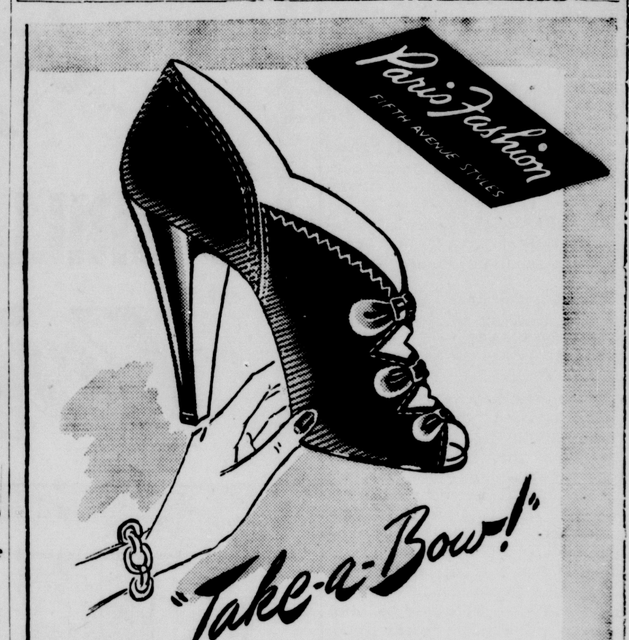
Lankford will serve in mayoral capacity until the new municipal head is elected.

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ATTEND P. B. SESSION

G. B. Pearson, manager, and Paul J. Trotter of the district Employment Service office attended a meeting of the Agricultural Conservation Association at Poplar Bluff Thursday to get a line on the number of workers to be needed for farm work in Southeast Missouri this year. AAA committeemen throughout this section attended the session.

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Wallace Author Of Registration Measure

Rep. J. S. Wallace of Scott County has introduced a resolution in the Missouri house calling for submission to the voters of an amendment to the constitution which would permit registration of voters in Sikeston.

Specifically the resolution, requiring action by both legislative branches, calls for a vote on a proposed requirement that electors in counties of 18,000 and over and in all cities of 5,000 and over to register. A population of at least 10,000 is required for registration in a city now.

The measure is designed to eliminate non-resident and repeater votes prevalent in many counties and cities of the state.

Representative Wallace's resolution:

"Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

"That at the general election, to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the year 1942, or at a special election to be called by the Governor for that purpose, there shall be submitted to the qualfied voters of this state for adoption or rejection a proposition to repeal Section 5 of Article 8 of the Constitution of Missouri relating to registration of voters in certain cities and counties and to enact in lieu thereof a new section relating to the same subject matter, to be known as Section 5 and to read as follows:

"Section 5. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of voters in counties having a population of more than 18,000 and in cities having a population of more than 5,000, but not otherwise. The first General Assembly held after the adoption of this Constitutional Amendment shall pass laws necessary to enforce this provision and for such purposes may classify such counties and cities according to population but such shall be uniform as to each class."

Why success or failure may depend on your master eye. Scientists have found that if you're right-eyed and left-handed or vice versa, you're likely to have more trouble than people whose eyes and hands cooperate, but do not let it discourage you as pointed out in the illustrated feature in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

Private flying in the United States last year covered about 182,000,000 miles, more than twice as much as the 82,554,239 miles flown by the scheduled airlines.

Scott Sales Tax Collections Total $96,473

State Auditor Forrest Smith has released his yearly report on the collections and disbursement of Missouri's sales tax.

The cost was but 2.05 per cent of the gross amount collected, reported to be the lowest collection cost in the nation, tax rate considered. The sales tax produced more than half of the general revenue of the state, or, in other words, it produced 53.1 cents of every dollar credited to the General Revenue Fund.



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FLIGHT COMMAND

Teaspoons for two.

SYNOPSIS:

Alan Drake, prize cadet at Pensacola, reports for duty with Commander Bill Gary's "Hell Cats" on the Pacific Coast. Befriended by Lorna, the Commander's wife, as he parachutes into the ocean, he only learnls later her real identity. After making some progress in beating down the initial hostility of his co-pilots to his headstrong manner, Alan tacitly aids Jerry, Lorna's brother, take off to test a new device in a thick fog. Jerry crashes, as Alan berates himself for his complicity.

CHAPTER FOUR

Inside the ambulance, Jerry stirred faintly. "Pensacola," he muttered, "what happened?"

"Don't think about it now," answered Alan, gripping his hand. "You're all right now."

"All I could see was fog," went on Jerry. "Something happened. The direction needle . . . something wrong." A spasm of pain shot through him as he closed his eyes. In a minute he opened them and went on: "It's all yours, Pensacola. I didn't give it a chance. You can lick it. It'll work."

Lorna, in an agony of anxiety, was pacing up and down outside the door of the operating room in the air station hospital. When Bill Gary came out, she ran up to him and beseechingly seized his arm.

"Hang on to yourself, darling," said Bill gravely. "He's badly hurt."

"He's—" Lorna could not complete the question.

"Doctors don't give him much chance," said Bill quietly.

"Commander Gary!" called out a loud speaker at the end of the hall. "Commander Gary, report to scene of crash."

Lorna involuntarily shivered. "I know," she said. "You've got to go."

"It's hit around you before," said her husband. 'And you've shown the rest how to take it. If it's your turn now, and the flag's at half-mast . . . keep it flying."

Lorna gripped his hands tightly. "Yes, Bill," she answered.

When he had left, she took a seat in the corner by the window and crouched there. She was staring out, but saw nothing; nor did she hear the soft reopening of the door from the operating room, as Alan came out. But when she felt someone's touch on her shoulder, and looked up, she knew the worst had happened.

"That's it?" she asked numbly.

"He didn't regain consciousness," said Alan, fighting his own emotions. "Will it help any to know his last thought was for you?" he went on. "He kept asking for you in the ambulance. Then, just at the end, he said, 'Tell her everything's all right'."

Lorna could no longer control her tears. Alan, racking his brain to think of something that would comfort her, went on: "I knew him just a little while, but I felt he was the best friend I ever had."

"He was my best friend, all my life," sobbed Lorna. Involuntarily she dropped her head on his shoulder, as he clasped her to him.

A few days later Alan, working ceaselessly on Jerry's fog device, and believing he had found the right combination, determined to step over to the Gary home. The Skipper had been called away, and Lorna was seeing absolutely no one; but he felt he had to make the attempt.

Jung, at the door, comfirmed his fears. "Please, mister," he said, "no good wait. Mrs. Gary no see anybody."

"Tell me something," pursued Alan. "Is Mrs. Gary taking Mr. Banning's death pretty hard?"

Jung nodded. There was a suspicion of a tear in his eye. "Ever since Mr. Banning dead," he admitted, "Mrs. Gary no see anybody. No eat . . . no sleep . . . sometime walk on beach all night."

Alan's deepest feelings were stirred. Glancing toward the beach as he followed Jung's eye, he saw a lone figure there. It was Lorna.

When she saw him approaching, Lorna drew back with mixed feelings.

"This is right where I toppled into the ocean," said Alan in a tone of affected flippancy.

"I left a message I was not at home," said Lorna pointedly.

"Look, it's none of my business," blurted Alan in rejoiner, "but staying by yourself isn't going to help things. You've just got to see somebody while the Skipper's away." He paused. "See here, I've got a new little jalopy. How about taking a ride tomorrow? Bounce the 'willies' away."

Alan's well-meant light-heartedness was too much for Lorna, in her despondent mood. Turning, she cried bitterly: "Are you so stupid you can't see? Do you think I'm a child that needs coaxing with silly jokes?"

"I'm sorry," said Alan stubbornly. "But there must be something—it isn't right for you to take this all alone."

"Oh! Please! Don't!" cried Lorna in sudden anguish.

Deeply hurt by her vehement dismissal, Alan turned and began to plod away through the sand. Lorna's impulse, seeing him go in this way, was to stop him.

"Pensacola!" she called. "I'm sorry. Forgive me."

"I guess I deserved what I bot," said Alan awkwardly.

"But I really didn't mean to be rude," said Lorna. "I don't want you to go away feeling hurt. You are so much like Jerry, in many ways."

Alan's eyes brightened.

"Would you care to walk a little way?" asked Lorna.

The next day they drove the twelve miles down to the Mexican border in Alan's self-designed jalopy; the day following they had two sets of tennis; a couple of days later they went fishing, and tarried on the way back to have dinner in an unpretentious little Italian restaurant overlooking the Pacific.

Lorna, the haunting thoughts started to clear from her mind for the first time, watched Alan amusedly as he went through the motions of a silly teaspoon trick. Then, suddenly, a disrupting thought struck her. What was this tenderness she was beginning to feel for Alan? Did she know herself what it was?

As she got up and hurried to the patio, Alan followed in deep concern.

"Lorna," he asked, "what is it? I thought we'd bounced those 'willies' right out of business the past few days."

"It's not the 'willies'," said Lorna in a strained voice. She had been trying to think of Alan in terms of Jerry. Now, like a uightning flash, it was no longer possible.

Alan, watching her conflict of emotion, did not clearly understand the cause. He moved closer, and took out his big service handkerchief.

"Go on—use it," he said tenderly, realizing she was for some reason on the verge of tears. In a moment he seized her shoulders. "Come on, Lorna, spill it," he demanded.

She raised her eyes but had no answer. "Take me home," she said tenderly.

As Lorna crossed to the door, while Alan stopped to pay the dinner check, she encountered a group of "Hell Cats."

"Why, Lorna, how are you?" asked Mugger Martin warmly.

"Great to see you looking so well," added Stitchy Payne.

"Pensacola's helped," said Lorna sincerely.

They looked after her in affection as she started out and Mugger remarked: "He's sure pulled her out of that spin she was in." Only Dusty Rhodes, sitting in a corner booth with a view of the patio outer lane, was silent as the group stepped up to chat with him about Lorna's improved appearance.

"What's wrong, Dusty?" asked Stitchy.

"Nothing," answered the other. "Isn't it great that Lorna's looking almost herself again?"

"Sure," said Dusty taciturnly.

Little conversation was exchanged between Lorna and Alan on the drive home. Alan wanted to talk, but he sensed that something had come over Lorna which was beyond his power to control. He didn't know what it was, but he felt it would wear off.

At the gate of the Gary home, he got out and extended his arm. "Here we are," he said. After a pause he added: "I'd still like to know what's wrong . . . what I've done or what's happened."

"You've done nothing wrong," said Lorna quickly. "You came on an errand of mercy—and you have been an angel. I'll never forget you."

Alan looked at her oddly. "That sounds like a last farewell," he said.

"It is," returned Lorna.

The definiteness of her tone startled Alan. "Are my jokes that bad?" he replied awkwardly.

"Please don't ask me to explain," said Lorna holding out her hand. "I'd rather not. Goodbye, Pensacola."

Studying her in anxious bewilderment, Alan stood by humbly as she hurried off.

A telegram was waiting for Lorna when she reached her room. She threw her hat and coat on the bed, and went to the window to watch Alan drive away before she had any desire to step over and open it.

The message was from the Skipper and if read: "Landing North Island tomorrow morning about eight. Love. Bill."

CHAPTER FIVE

All night long, after receiving the news of Bill's return in the morning, Lorna sat upright in a chair in her bedroom. Wild, disrupting thoughts ran through her mind . . . thoughts of Bill in a score of different moods, of Jerry working in his labratory, and of Alan, whom she had wounded by her abrupt dismissal. She was terribly confused, more so than ever in her life. And very tired.

Totally unconscious of the time, Lorna rose from her chair with a start as she heard Bill's voce outside. Hastily she tried to brush out the creases in her dress as she opened the door leading to the stairs.

"Hello, darling," cried Bill, rushing toward her with outstretched arms. "It's wonderful to be home." He held her tight for a moment, then released her. "How are you?"

Lorna was suddenly aware that her appearance must give her away. "Not too good, I'm afraid," she said slowly.

Bill paused awkwardly. "I'm sorry," he continued, "I wondered why you weren't at the island to meet me."

Lorna decided to dive immediately into the deep waters confronting her. "Bill, I'm going away," she said. "Will you get me a reservation on the plane today?"

Bill stared hard. "Why, what brought this on?" he asked.

Lorna put a hand on his arm. "Bill, I've got to tell you the truth," she hurried on. "Maybe it will hurt, but I've got to."

"What are you trying to say?" asked her husband, entirely at sea.

"I don't know," said Lorna, struggling for words. "When I first knew you, I knew there was . . . only one kind of woman you could ever care about . . . a brave one. I loved you, and I tried to be that. But I wasn't. When Jerry died, I couldn't stand it. You took me for granted, Bill. You didn't understand what was happening inside."

"Why didn't you tell me how you felt?" demanded Bill.

Lorna dropped her eyes. "Because I wanted you to keep on loving me," she said.

"Lorna!" cried her husband. "I love you because you're you! Now you've told me—and I still love you. I just understand better."

"But, Bill, it's more than that," went on Lorna. "Since Jerry died, I've had this terrible feeling of emptiness. The thought of your coming home should have been enough to fill it. But it wasn't. Something we had together is lost." She paused, her voice wavering. "I've got to go away, Bill, and try to find it again."

Bill checked what impulse was dictating him to say, and spoke as if he had been directing a Naval maneuver, calmly and unemotionally. "If that's it," he said, "you couldn't stay—any more than I could ask you."

Lorna fought off her tears. "I want to find what I've lost, Bill," she said. "I want to come back to you . . . there's nothing I want more."

Slowly she turned. He stood firm for a few moments, watching her, then steadfastly walked from the house.

At the flying field, Bill had not been in Dusty Rhodes' presence more than two minutes before his veteran aide-de-camp knew that something was wrong.

Dusty hesitated, watching the Skipper anxiously as he talked in vague terms about his trip. Then he came straight to the point.

"Loow, Bill," he said, "we've been in tough storms together. Something's got you. If I'm stepping on the wrong side of the quarter-deck, say so, but I wish you'd tell me what's wrong."

Bill spoke as if harly conscious of his own words. "Lorna's going away," he said.

"Going away? For long, Bill?"

"Maybe to stay. I don't know."

"But, it doesn't make sense. What happened?"

"I don't know . . . something . . while I was away. This is a tough business and maybe I've been carrying it home nights. She's changed."

Dusty thought fast. He remembered that flash at the restaurant, Lorna's look as she watched Alan, and an angry flush mounted his cheeks. Excusing himself, he hurried to the lounge room of the barracks. This was something for every man in the squadron to take up; it was something, too, the Skipper must never know about.

Alan, summoned from his room a half hour later, regarded the tense group of "Hell Cats" with puzzled glance. "You wanted to see me?" he asked.

Stitchy Payne was the first to step forward. "Drake," he began, "this isn't a very pleasant piece of business. It's about the touchiest most of us have ever run into, in the Navy. But we've got to have it out with you."

"Lorna Gary has left Bill," said Stitchy.

"She has?" echoed Alan in surprise.

"You saw a lot of her the last two weeks," went on Stitchy. "This isn't a pleasure trip she's taking East. She may not come back."

Alan, looking at the suspicious faces around him, felt a hot surge of indignation rising. "What are you getting at?" he asked. "What have I got to do with it?"

Dusty Rhodes turned to answer. "Drake," he said, "I've never known two people happier than the Garys. And I've never seen a man busted up so badly as Bill is today. Do you know why Mrs. Gary's left?"

"No," said Alan grimly. "And I don't think it's any of our business."

"Don't get on your high horse," cried Stitchy.

"Why shouldn't I . . . ?" retorted Alan. "With you people suspecting me of a thing like this . . . "

Dusty, believing Alan was acting a pose, came closer. "We are suspecting you," he admitted, "and we've got to know. If we're right you don't belong in Bill Gary's squadron."

Alan's eyes flashed as they met his. "Bill Gary's been my Skipper as well as yours," he said. "You won't have to bother finding out whether your suspicions are right or wrong—because I'm getting out!" He paused momentarily, then intense feeling got the better of him. "I wouldn't fly with a crowd who could suspect me of a filthy trick like this if it was the last squadron in the fleet!" he cried. "You can have my share of the 'Hell Cats' from now on!"

He turned abruptly and walked out. The others exchanged uncertain glances; it was obvious they had no verdict to render. Only Dusty spoke.

"He's written his own ticket," he said. "All I can say is I don't want to see him or speak to him or fly with him again."

The Skipper's face was tired and drawn when Alan, knocking at his door fifteen minutes later, entered to place a paper on his desk.

"What's this?" he asked blankly.

"My resignation, sir," said Alan. "I'm getting out of the Navy."

"Getting out?" echoed Bill incredolously. "Why, you sat here in my office one morning and told me you'd rather fly than eat. Come on, tear this thing up."

"I have no intention of doing that, sir," said Alan tautly.

"You've got the makings of a great pilot," returned Bill. "I still think you love the Service. There is a lot more to it than you've learned in these few weeks." He paused. "There's loyalty for one thing. Loyalty isn't a one-way street; it goes both ways. Sometimes you get discouraged—everybody does—but we get over it."

"I've submitted my resignation, sir," reiterated Alan. "Are you going to act on it?"

Bill's manner altered, "What is it, Gary?" he asked. "'Hell Cats' too tough for you?"

"Okay, sir," said Alan quietly. "Let it go at that."

"I'll forward the paper to Washington," said the commander crisply. "But we've got a movement order here. Extension maneuvers off the coast, probably several weeks. You can't get away before that."

Alan's face was still impassive. "I understand, sir," he said. "That will be a good finish."

As he turned and stepped out, Bill Gary followed him in disturbed uncertainty. He hated to see any new material as promising as that go out of the Navy. But he wasn't in a mood to think very clearly, or long, about external problems.

There was a paragraph in a half-finished letter on his desk that he was trying to complete. Word by word he labored, and when he was through it read as follows:

"Lorna dear, if it will help you to find the things we've lost in our life together, I will resign my commission in the Navy. We can go anywhere, do anything you like. My only wish for all our lives will be to make you happy."

(To be continued)

Tourney Opens at E. P. Monday

East Prairie.—The high school of East Prairie will be host school to the regional Class B basketball tournament which will open Monday night, and continue each night with the championship games to be held on Saturday night. Schools to participate are: East Prairie, Charleston, Diehlstadt, Anniston, Blodgett, Matthews, Canalou, Lilbourn, Risco, Parma, Marston, Portageville, Hayti, Braggadocio, Bragg City, Cooter, Holland, and Wardell.

The seaded teams are Charleston, Anniston, Matthews and Bragg City. The executive committee of the tournament is compised of Supt. Ralph McCullough of East Prairie, chairman; Ivan Bidewell of Risco and E. K. Krueger of Hayti.

There will be four games each night the first four nights of the tournament will play starting at 6 o'clock. On Friday night the semi-final games will get under way at 7:30 o'clock as will the consolation game on Saturday night. The officials for the tournament will be W. A. Foster of Wardell and Dick Kinder of Poplar Bluff.

The opening schedule for Monday night: 6 o'clock, Portageville vs. Risco; 7 o'clock, Lilbourn vs. Braggadocio; 8 o'clock, Anniston vs. Blodgett, and 9 o'clock, Matthews vs. Kewanee. The Tuesday night schedule: 6 o'clock, Charleston vs. Parma; 7 o'clock, Holland vs. Marston; 8 o'clock, Bragg City vs. Canalou, and 9 o'clock, Cooter vs. East Prairie.

On Wednesday night at 6 o'clock, Wardell will meet the winner of the Portageville and Risco game; at 7 o'clock, Hayti plays the winner of the Lilbourn and Braggadocio contest; at 8 o'clock, New Madrid meets the winner of the Anniston and Blodgett game and at 9 o'clock, Diehlstadt plays the winner of the Matthews and Kewanee contest.

The Cash-Book is happy to note that the Missouri Supreme Court has ordered the seating of Forrest Donnell governor. We are happy because we think Donnell is a burr-head, a small potato, as have been all anti-saloon league candidates. If he had the opportunity we do not think he has the brains to accomplish anything worthwhile, and of course he is to be ham-strung. — Jackson Cash-Book.

Mutual Will Broadcast Serial

The Mutual Broadcasting Company will send the serial story over the air waves which was written by Daniel Currie Beattie of Washington, D. C., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith of Sikeston.

The first installation was heard at 12:30 p. m., central standard time, Monday.

Left $100 in Teacher's Will

Mrs. Edith Mueller Duckworth of Sikeston was left $100 in the will of Hattie Schuster, 81-year-old former St. Louis school teacher, it was disclosed when an inventory of her estate was filed in a Shreveport, La., court.

Miss Schuster, who died in Shreveport last December, made twenty bequests in her will.

MATTHEWS WINS TITLE

Morehouse, Feb. 20.—The high school boys of Matthews defeated Parma here Wednesday night in a play-off for the championship of the New Madrid County League, 20-16.

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BARGAIN NIGHT
Matinee and Night
Admissions .....10 and .196
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Total .....10c and 20c

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEB. 26-27—
"No, No, Nanette"
With Anna Nagle
ALSO
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FRIDAY, FEB. 28—
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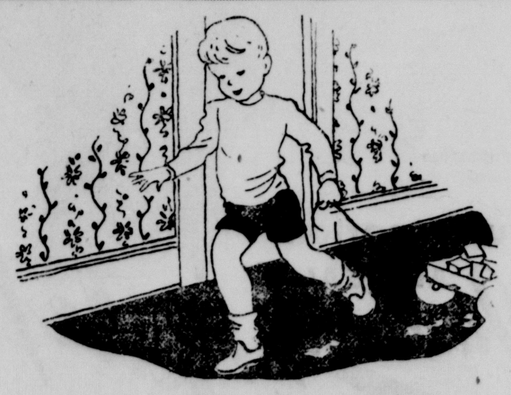
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MONDAY, FEB. 24—
"Father's Son"
With John Litel.
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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25-26—
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With Frankie Darro
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TUESDAY, FEB. 25—
"Victory"
With Frederic March and Betty Field.
SHORTS
Box Office Open 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.
Admission 10c and 16c

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26—
"Behind The News"
With Lloyd Nolan and Doris Davenport.
Comedy.
Matinee and Evening.
Admission 10c and 28c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEB. 27-28—
"Bittersweet"
With Janet McDonald and Nelson Eddy.
Comedy.
Admission 10c and 28c

SATURDAY, MARCH 1—
"Border Legon"
With Roy Rogers and George (Gabby) Hayes.
SERIAL
CARTOON
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 20c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, MARCH 2-3—
"Flight Command"
With Robert Taylor
NEWS and SHORTS
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

Slaying Case

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Civil cases, the plaintiff, defendant and action include:

O. W. Hartner vs. Charles L. Duncan, fraud.

Ira C. Long vs. Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society, damages.

Nina Cook vs. F. M. Day and others, damages.

Luther C. Jines vs. Pauline Jines, divorce.

Mavoureen Lee Euell vs. Richard Lee Euell, divorce.

Ernestine Grisham vs. William H. Grisham, divorce.

Maudie Walker vs. Morris Walker, divorce.

Earl Johnson vs. Edna Irene (Malone) Johnson, divorce.

Pearl Elizabeth Coke vs. Herbert Coke, divorce.

Fred Hedges vs. Eunice Hedges, divorce.

Ida Belle Hahn vs. Roy Hahn, divorce.

Anna Mae McGinnis vs. Loren McGinnis, divorce.

William Eastwood vs. Margaret Louise Eastwood, divorce.

Benita Toddy vs. Eugene Toddy, divorce.

Luther Glass vs. Maud Glass, divorce.

Hazel Perry vs. Buster Perry, divorce.

Yelma Benson vs. Estel Benson, divorce.

Ruby M. Hart vs. Ben M. Hart, divorce.

Mary Alice Watkins vs. Russell Watkins, divorce.

Goldie McKinney vs. Murrell McKinney, divorce.

Lester Houseman vs. Modina Houseman, divorce.

Dorris L. Ramsey vs. Dewey O. Ramsey, divorce.

Ruby Shoaf vs. Margaret Shoaf, divorce.

Bertha Keen vs. Burdette Keen, divorce.

Florence Irene Wofford vs. Isaac Hill Wofford, divorce.

Benjamin William Schmitt vs. Margaret Elizabeth Schmitt, divorce.

T. W. Jennings vs. Lucy Jennings, divorce.

Lorene Cain Limbaugh vs. Earl Limbaugh, divorce.

Jenalee Sells Moose vs. Charles Hugh Moose, divorce.

Hazel Wood Dowdy vs. James Dowdy, Jr., divorce.

Edward M. Broshears vs. Alma Lorene Broshears, divorce.

Richard Bennett vs. J. P. Rice and others, damages.

Richard Minner vs. Sikeston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, damages.

Ella Louvellette vs. James Beggs, damages.

Luther Hill vs. F. Lair and others, damages.

Wilbern Bruce vs. Walter Moore, damages.

Annie Laurie Rogers vs. Helen Welsh Johnson, damages.

Earldeen Newton vs. National Butane Gas Corporation, damages.

Norval F. Anderson vs. Alec Gudder, damages.

O. L. Branum vs. Charles J. Baker, damages.

Opal Beatrice Reiger vs. Ralph Edwin Reiger, divorce.

James Fincher vs. Julia T. Rafferty, damages.

Jurors for Circuit Court:

Lester Fadler, Lyman Gross, J. R. Nolen, O. B. Poage, Carl O. Luper, T. A. Roberts, Gordon Lewis, H. A. Bach, A. A. Harrison, Richland township. Alternates William Tippy, Will Johnson, Ralph Loeb, William Dye, A. F. Meeks, W. W. Lankford, Geo. Farris, Ernest Kellett and Chester Minner.

S. P. Huey, Dennis Diebold, J. E. Dunnegan, John Roth, John H. Schumacher, Andrew Uelsmann and Alfred Krieger, Kelso township. Alternates Frank Arnold, Jr., William Walter, J. A. Gearing, Loyd Heab, W. E. Rushing, Ivey Hart and C. O. Slaughter.

Henry Seitman and August Gosche, Sylvania township. Alternates Raymond Heisserer and Harold Mercer.

Dr. R. Bugg and T. L. Bugg, Morley. Alternates J. W. Gilliland and Lee Strayhorn.

E. Schnidler, Moreland township. Alternates Henry Meyer.

Gus Ray, Twappity, Alternate Jim Maynard.

Wade Wilson, Sandywoods. Alternate A. A. Hudnall.

Fred Schiwitz, Commerce. Alternate Sam Halter.

Building The Problem Of the Day

By Earl McMillen

If our spirit is low and our mood sad, as we pessimistically contemplate the strange malady which has stricken the building industry and kept it bedfast for the last four years, then it will relieve our grieving minds to dwell for a moment on the robust condition of our invalid friend back in the good old days from 1926 to late 1929.

Everyone was working, money was plentiful and the hum of activity was so great we couldn't hear the distant rumbling of approaching danger.

Enterprising promoters had subdivided vast acres of cow pasture, baseball diamonds and good garden land into precise little geometric shapes called lots. On them they were putting houses, for money was plentiful, and banks, building and loan companies, mortgage brokers, insurance companies and private investors were begging, pleading and fighting for the privilege of making loans for the construction of these houses.

The first homes were sold quickly and others followed. True, the buyers oftentimes didn't make much of a cash payment, but that didn't matter, for many times the kind bankers were willing to make a loan large enough to pay for the cost of the house and lot too. About all the buyer had to do was to be able to sign his name on the dotted line agreeing to make monthly payments for the rest of his natural life, or so.

Such was the beautiful condition existing a few years prior to 1930, and it wasn't any wonder that millions of dollars worth of materials were sold and hundreds of thausands of men employed in the production and erection of these materials.

All went smoothly until the depression and then overnight this tremendous building boom stopped. The banker grew cold and unresponsive to please for construction loans; buyers became a negligible quantity; and previously sold houses became not only unsold but empty.

Without funds there could be no building, so the carpenter laid dwon his tools, the lumber dealer laid off his truck sand the manufacturer laid off men, and extreme quiet reigned. It was then that our patient took to his sick bed. Thousands of people were thrown from productive, self-supporting employment to, in many cases, the necessity of applying to County, State and Federal aid for relief and sustenance.

We are now in the fourth year of this distressing situation and the building trades continue to head the list of unemployed. A few men have been absorbed into other work but the majority are still idle.

However, there is today a pleasant ray of hope to cheer us on. Our patient is showing signs of recovery due to a few unalterable facts.

First, there is a definite shortage of livable houses, despite the amount of building that was done during the boom area. This is due in part to the unscrambling of double-up families which is coming with a return to employment; it is due partially to annual deterioration that has not been replaced for four years; and due also to the fact, that in 1931 it was found that half the population of this country was living in obsolete and antiquated dwellings lacking the most ordinary necessities for decent living.

Second, there is the problem of upkeep and maintenance. A house can go but so long without paint, a new roof or siding. Realization that further delay in restoration will bring a heavy loss, will force many home owners to act this year.

Third, mortgage money in moderate and conservative amounts is being made available to the prospective home builder. The icy fear that gripped the hearts and froze the hands that controlled this money, is being thawed by a reassuring Federal Government by application of warm pads in the form of Federal loans for home construction. And that is something—for heretofore, no matter how worthy the applicant or attractive the security, excellent mortgage loans have gone begging for lack of funds, and prospective home builder have, of necessity, shelved their plans for building, thereby withholding to that extent, the return of building prosperity and relief from unemployment.

Leaders in the industry feel that our patient is better and that the crisis has been passed . Recovery is certain and convalescence under way. Faint stirrings from the sick room breed hope. Architects are making sketches. Contractors are giving estimates and material dealers figuring lumber lists. Here and there a job is actually let and excavating is started. Bankers are making statements—cautiously, carefully and not too committal, but nevertheless statements—letting it be known that there is some money available for construction. This all indicates that the patient is setting up and taking a little nourishment.

You who have wanted that home for a long time but were afraid, may go ahead—it is safe. You'll get more house for your money today and at the same time administer a dose of much needed, strength giving medicine to a phase of the nation's industry whose health and prosperity are vitally essential to all.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

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The "window" effect was obtained, very simply, by having the children peer through the French door into the darkened dining room. Such stunts give you novel pictures

Good snapshots around the home depend partly on your subjects—and partly on how you present them. Often, a clever or unusual presentation makes an excellent picture out of the most familiar subject-matter.

Take a look around the house, and note the spots or locations that will make good "settings" for pictures. The fireplace, the stairway landing, the stairway corner, the big easy chair by the bookshelves—all these are good "picture spots."

Windows and French doors are useful, too. In the daytime , a bright window can be used as a back-ground for silhouette shots—with shades drawn on the other windows. Or, you can bring up your photo lights, to illuminate the shadow side of the subject, and thus get a bright, cheerful "high key" effect.

At night, interesting pictures can be made by having your subjects at an uncurtained window, with the photo lights at one side—and then shooting the picture "from outside looking in."

The picture above shows the effect. However, a French door was used in this case—the children were simply peering into the dark dining-room. But the frame makes a very satisfactory window effect. It's just as if the subjects were peeping out on a pitch-dark winter night.

Try some of these effects. They're easy, with any camera—using high speed film and photo bulbs for the night shots. And they add novelty to your collection of home pictures.

Still No Protection for Members In the Burial Racket

A SHAM BURIAL-SOCIETY BILL

A Missouri Supreme Court ruling last Dec. 11 made it mandatory that burial societies come under State regulation or quit business. The bill just introduced by Senator L. N. Searcy of Eminence for such regulation, however, is a sham.

These societies are engaged in the insurance business, as the Supreme Court recognized. So why should they not be regulated by the State Insurance Department instead of by a Burial Society Commissioner, to be appointed by the Attorney General, as Searcy proposes?

Why, furthermore, should they not be compelled to pay their claims in cash, instead of in the "materials and services" (at the undertaker's own valuation) provided by the Searcy bill? Other insurance companies have to pay cash. The requirement for burial-society reserve funds is good, but why the remarkably low limit set for these funds in the bill?

The answer to these questions is obvious: The burial societies, whose lobbyists were denounced as "vultures" by a veteran legislator two years ago, are the sponsors of this bill. It is their interest, and the interest of the undertakers associated with them, that the bill is concerned about, not the interest of their million Missouri members, or policyholders.

Burial societies, wth proper regulation, are a legitimate business. Lack of regulation in past years has made it possible for some of them to indulge in practices described by the Better Business Bureau and the American Legion as a "funeral racket." What legislator will introduce an ironclad measure to take the place of this Searcy sham, and protect the money of the persons in the low-income group who join these societies.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.—Adv.

CHECK FURNACE FOR FIRE DANGER

At this time of year the danger of fire in the home resulting from furnaces and boilers may be greatly reduced by the observation of a few simple rules, FHA officials say.

A common cause of fire losses which may be easily checked by simple vigilance is the overheating of improperly built chimney flues. Overfiring or overheating of furnaces and boilers by leaving the drafts open too long should be avoided.

Automatic heating controls should be checked periodically in order to assure their good working order as a protection against overheating.

Regular cleaning of furnace and flue of soot also acts to prevent fires.

Improperly installed heating equipment, which permits high-temperature surfaces to be in too close contact with combustible materials, is another common cause of fires. For example, in a warm-air heating system wall stacks are sometimes too close to wood surfaces which are without asbestos protection or air space, and often the wall and floor registers are too tight against wood.

Another related cause of many Winter fires in homes against which FHA officials warn is leaving unattended fires in fireplaces without screen protection.

Galileo was the Christian name of the great Italian astronomer, and by it he was commonly known. Galilei was his last name.

Employing approximately 4,000,000 workers, the truck transport industry provides one out of every 10 pay checks issued in the United States.

There are no polecats in America. The name, applied erroneously to American skunks, belongs to a European marten.

It is estimated that each of these 408,000 retail gasoline outlets in the United States makes an annual gross profit of about $1610.

There are 17 acres in the White House grounds.

15 Arrested For Driving With Old Tags

Fifteen persons, who were driving cars without 1941 license plates, have been arrested by state troopers operating out of Sikeston since the expiration of the deadline for acquiring them last Wednesday mid-night.

Sgt. Melvin Dace reported that there was no urgent necessity for any of those arrested operating their automobiles without new plates.

He warned that those who purchase licenses but do not fasten one securely on the front and one at the rear of their car are subject to arrest. A motorist, who has acquired new plates and is carrying them inside his car, runs a risk of apprehension.

Dace said that a person making a trip to acquire plates but driving an automobile with old ones also is subject to arrest.

Almost 1,000 plates for automobiles, trailers and trucks have been issued at the license bureau in Mattingly's Service Station at East Center and Kingshighway. Issuances were reported ahead of last year.

At noon Monday, 6,500 passenger car, 2,750 truck and 500 trailer plates had been issued.

Engineers at Cape Meeting

Fred Harris, chief engineer, and L. F. Beckett, surveys and plans engineer in the division ten state highway department office here attended sessions of the mid-winter meeting of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers at Cape Girardeau Thursday and Friday.

Others from the office who attended were C. J. Stevens, R. L. Proffer, Bob Gregory, A. E. Nance, George M. Fowler, L. R. Burns, M. G. Tully, Don Hearnes, George M. Faris, W. W. Ensor, W. J. DeKriek and George M. Purcell.

Also attending from Sikeston were T. A. Martin of the Missouri Utilities Company and Chester R. Treece, area engineer for the Progress Administration.

Farmers See Case Equipment

New Case farm implements were viewed by farmers Saturday at the Hahs Machine Works.

The equipment included a new continuous feed pick up hay baler. A picture show was shown the group at the high school gymnasium Saturday night.

BRICK LAYING STARTS

Brick laying has started on the addition being constructed to the Municipal light plant. The foundation has been poured for the new Diesel generating unit which will be installed when the annex is completed.

GLEANERS CLASS TO MEET

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church will have a meeting and George Washington party this Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ruth Malone on South Kingshighway.

There are 1,624,000 persons by the name of Johnson in the United States.

100 See New Tract

Approximately 100 farmers witnessed demonstrations of the new Oliver 60 tractor Thursday and Friday at the Ethel Bradley, Gale King and French farms under auspices of Lewis & Matthews, dealers.

In Ethiopia, salt bars worth about 54 cents are a regular form of currency.

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The P. C. Editor Says:

Tuesday night an entertainment will be given at the Sikeston High School Auditorium by the Stamps Brothers Male Quartet, the proceeds of which will go to the Miner Switch Baptist Church to be used for the purchase of new seats. The price is 20 cents. This quartet broadcasts daily over station W M C in Memphis.

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Lill Cole, who operates the Diamond Tavern south of town on Highway 61, informs us that the story of a 15-year-old girl who was employed by her to clean up the place and cabins as printed in The Standard Friday last, was not altogether true. The girl represented herself to be 17 years old and until a sister who said she was 19 appeared at the Tavern and said her sister was but 15, then she was discharged, came to Sikeston, was locked up and sent to the home of her parents near Henderson Mounds in New Madrid County. Lill says there is not a word of truth in the story given to The Standard that she had the girl accept dates from men and divide proceeds with her.

Drummers Convention Groups Named

Committees for the convention of the Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association to be held here May 22-24 have been completed.

Lewis B. Heslep is president of the organization; L. M. Hollenbeck, vice president; Ben M. Seidler, secretary; O. B. Hill, treasurer and Ernst Dunn, warden.

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Children's Parade—Wm. Leach.

Transportation—U. S. Louzader, Geo. Nagel, Bob Flynn, W. W. McAfoos, Ben Schille.

What Club and Dance—A. A. Richter, Chairman; C. C. Barbier, Cliff Byrnes, Jack E. Asinger, R. E. Flynn, J. R. Hazel, Geo. Carroll, Frank Broe. V. P. Hawkins.

Court to Study Food Stamp Fund

A request of Sikeston business men that a revolving fund of approximately $12,000 be appropriated for installation of the Federal Food Stamp plan in Scott was taken under advisement by the county court at Benton Tuesday.

Doubt was expressed that sufficient funds would be available for the purpose but members of the court reported that they would confer with Prosecuting Attorney David E. Blanton on the matter.

It is estimated that domestic production of planes now is at the rate of about 100 monthly. About half this number are being sent to Great Britain.

A Contest More Necessary Now

The Missouri Supreme Court did not hold that Forrest C. Donnell should be seated as Governor because he had received the highest number of legal votes—but because he had received the highest number of votes on the face of the returns. Had he been elected by the highest number of votes in the most crooked and fraudulent election in the history of Missouri politics, the Supreme Court's decision would still have made it mandatory for him to have been seated as Governor for the simple reason that the question before the court in no way reached the question of crookedness and fraudulent motives. And now that the Republican nominee has been seated, it is more important and necessary than ever that a full recount of all the election ballots be made so that the people will know once and for all time that the man who occupies the highest office within the gift of the people is justly entitled to that office, and is not a trespasser and an intruder. Only a complete recount now will satisfy the public, Republicans as well as Democrats.

Kiwanis Club Activities

By Bartley R. Schwegler

The Kiwanis Club celebrated George Washington's birthday Friday evening at the Methodist Church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Heddon, who with a committee used as her theme George Washington—a Family Man.

Mrs. Hedden gave an interesting talk on George Washington's family influnces which helped him to become a great man.

Mrs. Marian Tomerlin, Mrs. E. O. DeField and Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth assisted Mrs. Hedden with the program.

Miss Sara Ann Michell instructor of music in the public schools, directed a group of her pupils in singing songs and in dancing the Virginia Reel.

There were 66 present at a dinner served in the basement of the Methodist Church by the Co-Workers. It was ladies' night and the members of the Club entertained their wives and other guests who were invited.

George W. Kirk led singing of various songs with Miss Michell accompanying on the piano.

League Honors Couple

Members of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirk, entertained Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk C. McCoy, whose marriage on last January 26 was announced recently. League members presented the couple with a wedding gift. Mrs. McCoy was before her marriage, Miss Louise Woods.

Those attending the party were Misses Mildred Jackson, Margaret Mills, Margaret Anthony, Mary Lou and Lucille Arnett, Martha Ellen Mason, Bertha Mae Ray, Eleanor Hahn, Lois Buchanan of Morehouse and Kathryn Kornegger; Judson Boardman, Jr., Ray Carl and William Marsh, Murrell Hendricks, Howard Wilson of St. Louis and Melvin Kornegger.

State and federal gasoline taxes are by far the heaviest of these special highway taxes, amounting to $35.10 a second, or $2106 a minute. Miscellaneous other motor vehicle taxes, tolls, and fees add another $137 a minute.

During 1939, tourist expenditures are estimated to have totaled $5,400,000.

Rarely seen now, the beautiful whistling swan winters in Currituck Sound, N. C.

DEFENSE WASTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES CAN BE AVOIDED SAYS CONSERVATIONIST

By Frederic C. Walcott
President of the American Wildlife Institute

To those of you, who have experienced the wanton squandering of our natural resources brought by other periods of national emergency, this is a reminder. To those who do not know from experience what irreparable damage can be inflected on our basic natural resources by hysterical waste during times of stress, this is a warning. A warning not to carelessly undermine the foundations upon which our country is built—the nation's natural resources—with a suggestion how we can avoid needless waste.

In the first place, let it be clearly understood that never in its history has depletion of this country's essential natural resources been so imminent.

To better understand what might happen today, let us consider what has happened in other days. In the matter of our soil, for instance, let us turn back the calendar some 22 years to see how hysteria during a critical period helped create a cancerous growth in the very heart of our country from which we are not yet fully recovered. I refer to the damage done to our land by erosion—soil erosion, the eating away of the land which, with water and air, is the source of all sustenance.

Every schoolboy knows, of course, that when the first settlers came to this bountiful new world they found a land of unsurpassed natural wealth. Dense forests and lush prairies stretched almost the entire length and breadth of this country. Almost everywhere the soil lay deep and fertile. Wherever the settlers went they turned the rich earth for a living. Their plows turned the virgin sod, their axes cleared the mantle of protective trees and undergrowth. Truly it may be said that our forefathers built this country as much upon its basic natural resources as upon their firm determination to create a new nation where all might live in equality, justice and freedom.

As the pioneers moved westward, their cultivation of the soil exposed ever-widening areas to wind and rain. Millions of acres once covered with fertile soil were stripped to sterile clay. The climax of this era of despoliation of an indispensable source of our sustenance was reached during the last World War.

Nations in Europe were starving. The price of wheat mounted to unprecedented heights. Perhaps with the kindliest of motives—to feed the starving peoples of Europe—or, perhaps, for purely mercenary reasons—to cash in on the high prices of wheat—short-sighted, or misguided, individual planted to wheat acres and acres of ground normally unfit to raise any kind of grain. By some strange quirk of nature these unfit lands did produce crops for a time—but at what a cost!



Soil erosion—the eating away of the land which, with water and air, is the source of all sustenance.



Our every defense need can be met without overcutting, without unsound practices.



The effects of overfishing of salmon in 1917 and 1918 were felt in a steady decline until 1921.

Stripped of the protective grasses that had held them together, these lands joined the millions of other acres that had been pulverized. So was the stage set for one of the greatest tragedies of modern times. Disastrous droughts turned the pulverized soil into fine sand, to be blown like the shifting dunes of the Sahara. Thus was born the dust bowl—an open sore in the body of what had once been the healthiest, strongest country the world has known. The cancerous growth drove thousands of fine American families from their homes, created a migratory class comparable to those that wander Europe and Asia in search of sustenance.

The ugly sore of erosion is still receiving expert medical attention, but it is still an ugly wound—a wound of war, which might have been avoided, certainly would not have been so severe, had we not been so reckless of our lands in a time of stress.

Can that happen to our soil again? We are once more facing a national emergency, once again we may be called upon to feed a war-deprived world.

Today the reserve stocks in this country include five hundred million bushels of corn; two hundred million bushels of wheat; large reserves of many other foodstuffs and commodities—at least enough to take care of our own needs even in times of emergency. But, we are told by some eminent humanitarians that many of the people of Europe are today facing starvation if we do not feed them. If the big heart of America feels impelled to feed the world, there is no telling where it will end—nor how much serious damage will again be done to our soil by unwise cultivation, if we do not guard against misuse of the land.

I do not think any American would tolerate the starvation of any woman, child or noncombatant—regardles sof creed, race or nationality—so long as we have a crust to share. That is not the American way. But, by the same token, we must save our basic resources—the very elements which make us an enormous breadbasket for less fortunate countries—to be used in the future, both for ourselves and the rest of the world. That principle, too, has become a part of the American way!

During the last great national emergency, the soil was not the only basic natural resource that was squandered. Our fish resources, for instance, suffered heavily. Canned fish provides a light, compact, and very nourishing source of food. Its consumption increased tremendously. Let us see just how this increased consumption, both before and after we entered the last war, affected our fish resources. Let us consider salmon, for instance. During the five years preceding the last World War, the Alaska salmon catch averaged about five million cases a year. During 1917 and 1918 it jumped to eight million cases annually—an increase of 60 per cent. The effects of such overfishing were felt in a steady three-year decline until in 1921 the catch was barely more than three and one-half million cases a year.

During the same emergency period—that is in 1917 and 1918—the catch of tuna rose 77 per cent over the five years preceding five years. The California sardine is still feebly struggling to recover from the blow it received when wartime consumption jumped one thousand, one hundred and thirty per cent over the normal five years preceding the last great national emergency.

Those are just a few of the statistics of the waste during the last period of national stress, which is comparable to the days we now face.

There is, of course, another phase of the despoliation of our fish resources which does not readily lend itself to cold figures. I refer to the damage done by pollution—the poisoning of our waters.

In carrying out the "Preparedness Program," which preceded our entrance into the last World War, and during that war itself thousands of factories were erected along once fine clean bodies of water, which furnished either water power or easy disposition of waste—sometimes both. These factories poured pollutants into the water, poisoning it to the point where no living thing could exist. Much of this pollution was unnecessary, even in times of grave emergency. One needs only to consider that thousands of new plants probably will be needed to carry out our present Defense Program to realize that we are again facing further despoliation of our waters by needless pollution.

I have conferred at great length with those whose primary interest in conservation centers around the preservation and wise use of our forest resources. These people are deeply alarmed — and rightfully so, if a certain instance on the Pacific Coast is any indication of what lies in store.

This particular instance concerns the National Park, which is covered with virgin stands of spruce. This spruce is much in demand for certain activities in our national defense preparation. The addition of new lands adjoining this park has already been authorized. These new lands also contain some spruce.

Needless to say, the price of spruce has risen sharply under the heavy demand and certain commercial interests, apparently seeking to cash in on the high market, are moving heaven and earth to obtain permission to cut in the new lands being added to the National Park—in fact would like to cut out the old area of the park. Those who are in close touch with the situation tell me there is no reason for cutting the timber in this national park and its new additions, excepting to cash in on the rising market! They tell me there is enough spruce for national defense needs available elsewhere, but, nevertheless, those who seek to spoil this virgin timber in this forest sanctuary have gone so far in their efforts as to charge the Government Department administering the affairs of the park with obstructing national defense!

I do not think the efforts to despoil that particular National Park will be successful, but other attempts just as wasteful, just as selfish, may be, if we are not careful.

Those more conversant with our forestry problems then I, tell me that our every defense need can be met without overcutting, without unsound practices that will jeopardize our capital stock of timber. This, they say, can be accomplished by careful planning, which certainly should be done to protect our future supply of timber.

Many are, as I am, vitally interested in our country's wildlife—its birds and animals. What of them? Just this. We have learned, through years of experience, that bird and animal life is so dependent upon proper use of our land, water and forests that it cannot exist under abnormal conditions. It would be difficult to estimate the indirect damage done to wildlife by erosion, by pollution, by the indiscriminate hacking down of forests some twenty-three years ago. However much of the good done by the splendid Wildlife restoration work of the past fifteen or twenty years might be wiped out during the present emergency no man can say, but we do know that as the forests, waters and land suffer, so will the wildlife that affords the recreation and sport which is so essential a part of our way of life.

We must remember also, that in times of emergency, when we are prone to turn all our thoughts and energies to immediately pressing problems there is an inclination to forget the long-haul battle that is always with us. I mean by that simply that we must guard against curtailment of the budgets necessary to carry on the work of preserving and restoring our natural resources. That, I know, is difficult at a time when money is so badly needed for the building of warships and tanks and air forces and all the component parts of a great military and naval organization that will one day make us defensively the strongest nation in the world. But, we must remember that the money to properly administer our fish and wildlife, our soil and forest resources, is just as badly needed if we are to continue in the American Way. A battleship, or a plane, or a tank will ultimately become obsolete. A forest, or good soil, or a useful bird, never outlives its usefulness if it is properly used and administered.

I will not stress the importance of the wise use of mineral or oil. There is a very good reason for this omission. It is not that these valuable resources should not be wisely used. It is because man has always been able to work out a substitute for these resources when their supply was threatened. Very fine ersatz oil is now being made from coal or lignite. We need tin for our defense activities, and the regular sources of supply are none too dependable, for one reason or another. So, we are experimenting with a number of substitutes, and making arrangements for other—and more dependable — sources of supply. And so ingenious man devises substitutes for practically all mineral resources, but no scientist has yet been able to devise a workable substitute for soil or water. No man alive has yet managed to create an ersatz duck or quail or rabbit. No man has ever developed a substitute for a tree, which is one of our most valuable growing natural resources. Once we waste these precious necessities they are gone beyond the power of scientific substitution!

There is, briefly, a picture of what may happen at any time in the immediate future, but painting a black picture such as that is not constructive. So, let us see if we can devise some means of safeguarding our resources during this critical period. Let us see if we cannot get by without mortgaging our future.

I can suggest only one plan which is big enough, comprehensive enough and effective enough to safeguard our resources at this time. It is this. We have a National Defense Advisory Commission, which advises those charged with administering our defense program how the needs of that program can be met. I suggest a similar Federal commission to advise in the defense administration of our natural resources. I suggest a National Advisory Board for Conservation, appointed by The President, to advise how our natural resources can be used for defense needs without imperiling the future supply.

Such a Conservation Board would, for instance, pass on the matter of cutting the virgin timber in the Olympic National Park, which I have mentioned. The Conservation Board would find out whether it was necessary to cut that particular supply of spruce to meet defense needs—and so advise those in charge of its administration. If the Conservation Board, after careful study, advised that the demand for spruce could be met without cutting in that paricular National Park, it would have to show where else the essential wood could be obtained without inflicting lasting damage to the resource. If the Conservation Board found it was necessary to cut that particular spruce, they would be the highest advisory authority.

Through such an advisory board, our natural resources could be wisely administered, no matter how great the national emergency.

Let us remember: that even the best of sportsmen, even the most sincere conservationist, is an even better American. We want our country to have a national defense system so strong that no nation, or group of nations, will dare attack. We wish Uncle Sam to stand as a bulwark of strength in a world gone berserk, but, we also wish to safeguard the very things that have made us a nation capable of such defense. Let us spare no effort to make our nation impregnable, let no sacrifice be too great to achieve national defense, but let us keep America a land worth defending.

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BUILDING A BETTER STATE



Missouri Association for Social Welfare

An enabling act is being introduced in the Missouri legislature which if passed will enable any county and any town of more than 3000 population to obtain sixty-year loans from the United States Housing Authority for the building of low-cost housing units.

In rural areas the bill provides that the county court may set up a local authority to supervise the housing projects. Then with the cooperation of land owners the substandard dwellings could be razed and modern units built in their place.

An acre of ground for the building site would be deeded to the housing authority, and evidence is required that the occupant of the old dwelling has an income not more than five times the rent of the new unit.

After the new unit is erected and occupied it would be paid for over a long period of time, with annual rent in some cases as low as fifty dollars a year. One item that helps make low rent possible is having the occupant maintain and repair the building.

Each rural dwelling unit includes a frame house with living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, space for a future bathroom, storage space, and a work porch. In addition, there is to be a sanitary outhouse, a clean, sealed well, and enclosed areas for a garden and a poultry yard.

In towns the bill provides for similar housing authorities, and the plans for the razing of substandard dwellings and the building of new units are subject to the approval of the U. S. H. A. In the smaller communities one-family dwellings are preferred, but in large cities multiple-dwelling units may be erected. In any case, one substandard unit must be razed for each new unit built.

The local housing authorities may obtain a federal loan covering up to ninety per cent of the cost of the project, and the remainder is to be financed with bonds or by other means. Where these plans are in operation in other states, the housing projects are usually tax exempt, in order to keep the rental as low as possible.

It is this bill that would for the first time make available federal aid for slum clearance in Kansas City. By a previous enabling act of the state legislature such aid has been limited to St. Louis.

Washington Comment

The first of March is not far away, yet the hopeful predict that by the date mentioned, the Lend and Lease bill will have become a part of the law of the land. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee distinguished itself by vigor and promptness in passing the measure along, with limitations which keep expenditures within the control of Congress to a greater degree than the original text contemplated. Aid is to be given only to those nations which are attacked or in danger.

It seems to most readers that the Lend-Lease bill has a strong flavor of the smoke of battle, but the Committee assures the Senate that it is not a war measure. The report points out further that "the United States must strive in all ways reasonably possible to stay at peace with all the world; and the United States must, in its own interests, supply effective material aid to those countries whose defense is vital to our own defense."

General opinion in Washington is that the bill cannot fail to pass. Editorial comment perhaps is not quite so tempered as it should be. The friends of the bill are "warmongers", a statement which is offset by the assurance that those who are inclined to let England pull her own chestnuts out of the fire are a "crew of conventional mediocrities, dull and stupid when not malicious." The fur surely is flying.

The suggestion that the United States turn over more destroyers to Britain finds support in many quarters, Mr. Willkie being reported as setting the number at from five to ten per month. Secretary Knox, as quoted, thinks that the United States cannot part wisely with any more vessels of that class . Out of the pros and cons there arose rumors of a "destroyer row," among those who at this time should be on the best terms of brotherly love. The President declared the 'row" to be non-existent, and gave his hearers to understand that the destroyer transfer was not an urgent matter.

About thirty ships belonging to the Axis powers are interned in American waters. Local brokers are said to be in touch with Italian and German owners, offering to purchase, with no attempt to conceal the fact that the property may be turned over to England. Business is nothing, if not hopeful. Anyhow, it does no harm to try. Any German or Italian attracted by the proposal had better get his person and all his worldly goods in a safe and inaccessible place before signing on the dotted line.

Leaving unsettled the question as to whether shipping should be kept or sold, there are shortages along other lines. Secretary Ickes believes that "power", in a mechanical sense, is not available for defense purposes to the degree that it should be, particularly in the Pacific northwest. Authorities on the subject of national defense believe that the facilities for transporting oil from inland wells to the Atlantic coast are inadequate, and turn a friendly eye on more pipe lines.

When Mr. Mussolini and General Franco met for a conference in the balm of the Riviera, it was stated that the Duce went thither to solicit Spanish help. Censorship in Italy is as tight as the proverbial bark on a hickory tree, and Spain is not what one might call loose mouthed. Report therefore has to be relied upon. According to that source of information, Spain was not asked to go to war. On the other hand, it is said that the Duce pleaded and General Franco refused. One thing is certain. They did not meet to discuss spring planting or to arrange a horse trade.

Exchanges of views between the United States and Canada deal largely with airplanes. The Dominion would like to have flying machines passed more rapidly across the border, especially to facilitate the training of her pilots. Liberal Canadian offers are made in the direction of providing a string of air bases from the American boundary to Alaska, a matter of no small moment, since Alaska is about the only continental posesssion of the United States which remains an isolated jumping-off place.

WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWED

The 1940 census found only 67 mules in New Hampshire.

Of the 1,904,000,000 acres of land in continental United States, the census reported 1,060,507,355 in farms. Crops were harvested from 321,757,900 acres.

U. S. farmers reported the value of farm implements and machinery in the census as $3,059,266,327, compared with $3,301,654,000 in 1930.

Although land in farms was greater than ever before, the census reported a 3.1 per cent decline in the number of farms since 1930. The new total is 6,096,789, compared with 6,812,350 in 1935 and 6,288,648 in 1930.

Printing and publishing is one of the largest U. S. industries. The total value of its annual production exceeds $2,170,000,000.

U. S. citizens are spending more money for newspaper subscriptions now than even in the lush days of 1929, according to the census. Annual newspaper receipts from subscriptions amount to over $306,000,000. This was an annual increase of $19,685,000 in ten years.

There are 106,991 clothing stores in the United States, according to the census.

The census showed 169,742 restaurants, cafes and other eating places in the U. S.

There are 57,900 during stores and their annual receipts amount to $1,562,438,000.

The census reported 241,856 gasoline filling stations compared with 197,568 in 1935.

Retail sales in 1,770,904 stores of the United States exceed $42,000,000,000 annually.

Retail sales of 560,798 food stores amount to over $10,000,000,000 annually.

Eating and drinking places number 305,331 and do an annual business of $3,520,985,000

U. S. retail sales of $42,023,818,000 in 1939 surpassed the 1935 census of business total, $32,791,212,000, by 28 per cent.

Retail sales in the U. S. amount to nearly $320 per capita.

Motor scooters are official equipment in the police department of Inglewood, Calif.

Corduroy Slacks



For late winter and early spring sports wear this new cotton corduroy slack suit is meeting with popular approval, the National Cotton Council reports. The fingertip jacket has four patch pockets and shirred blouse back. The slacks are high waisted with pleats and cuff bottoms.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN *The Safety Man*

The primitive man met dangers which were inevitable. We meet dangers which are preventable.

Automobile accidents can be prevented. In fact, all accidents can be prevented. The fact that we can, if we will, eliminate to a very large degree the appalling dangers of modern life constitutes the moral significance of this safety movement.

We should realize and appreciate the value of a human being. Apparently, not all people do that.

The carelessness regarding human life is the great tragedy that hangs over human idustry. It is only recently that there has come to be regard for human life, and we hope that this regard will incdease.

The motorist can help considerably in solving accident problems by driving carefully, courteously, and thoughtfully on our highways.

Record consumption of copper during January brings forecasts from the industry that soon the United States would be forced to dip again into the rich mines of Latin America to pad inadequate domestic supplies. At the end of January copper refiners had on hand approximately 116,000 tons, the smallest since mid-1937. Production of 93,000 tons of refined metal was close to record levels, but deliveries to customers reached nearly 120,000 tons, larger than any previous month.

Ad Firm Fetes 30th Birthday

Detroit, Mich.—Thirty years of "advertising well directed" are being celebrated by the Campbell-Ewald Company during February, for it was in this month in 1911 that the company was incorporated at Lansing, Michigan.

This anniversary makes this advertising agency the oldest in Detroit, and one of the few agencies in the country to have retained its corporate identity and its directing head for so long a period.

During each of these years the company has had an average yearly billing of more than $10,000,000, despite the fact that it did not reach an annual billing of a million dollars until many years after it was organized.

NEWSPAPERS GOOD MEDIUM

A large percentage of this money has been spent each year in newspapers, for Mr. H. T. Ewald, the president of the company, is a firm believer in this medium of advertising.

"Today, the newspaper, one of the oldest mediums of advertising, continues as a truly great and powerful force to sell goods," he states, "and will continue to be a spearhead of most advertising effort as long as it remains a free press.

"While each advertising campaign should have a tailor-made merchandising and advertising suit, the merchandisers of few commodities of general use can afford to ignore the tremendous cleavage power of newspapers, weekly as well as daily.

"I often think of newspaper advertising as an electric switch that actually turns on the light when and where the light is needed. This medium seems to me to be right behind the actual salesman and the actual sale."

Probably one of the greatest prides of Ewald is in the financial integrity of his organization during its entire corporate life. It has never missed a cash discount in the payment of publication and other bills—nor a payroll—for even during the State of Michigan and, later, the national bank holiday in 1933, the money for the payroll was rushed from New York City by airplane.

HUMBLE BEGINNING

Humble, indeed, was the beginning of the company back in the days when the automobile was considered only a plaything of the rich. But the birth of the agency timed beautifully with the growth of the motor car and the growing recognition of the value of advertising—a union of mass production and mass selling.

Probably the cornerstone of the growth of this organization is based on the philosophy of Ewald that an advertising agency's function is to do anything and everything that may be done legitimately to sell more of the clients' merchandise. Ideas and a plussage of service — these are the two thoughts that have continually permeated the personnel of the entire agency since its founding. Fruit of this philosophy may be symbolized by the fact that the Hyatt Bearings Company, its first client, is still a client.

The growth of the agency in the first decade of its life might be considered normal. But in 1920 began its phenomenal growth—for the decade starting in that year represents the business and maddest in America. All industry was driving furiously toward a peak, with Detroit and the automobile industry in the forefront.

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A salesgirl, working on a small salary, is constantly faced with the problem of dressing smartly, but inexpensively. A solution is this medium-blue rayon dress with buttons down the front and long easy sleeves which make it a joy to work in.

HO-HUM

Did you ever knit a pair of socks? You needn't look at me that way . . . I feel all right. Well, I never did either but I've thought the matter over and I realize what the job calls for. So I'll grant them that it's a tough job to take into consideration all the funny little knobs and bumps that make up a man's foot. But I'd think, after all these years, that someone would have mastered the job. So I can't be very charitable about it when I always find that extra hunk of toe flopping around down there. I tuck it under and fold it back and that takes care of it to a certain extent. But a fellow shouldn't have to do that sort of thing. The socks should fit in the first place.

Funny shaped? What do you mean? There's nothing wrong with my feet! It's the guy at the Bureau of Standards that's got the funny feet if anyone has. One of us isn't normal down there, it's a cinch! I get size ten and a half and it fits perfectly . . . all except the toe. I think I'll out-smart them and get size ten. The toe fits fine and dandy. Sure. But the heel is always under my foot somewhere and it hurts when I walk on it. I have to tip-toe around like there was someone asleep in the next room.

It looks silly? All right . . . I've done that too. I've cut the excess off, but the first thing I know the whole sock is unravelling and my toes are all tangled up in a lot of strings. I'd rather have the socks the other way, even though they look like they've been used at Christmas time with oranges or something stuck down in them for a few days.

I'd think the manufacturers would realize the waste of it all. Out of every dozen pairs of socks there must be enough excess to make another pair gratis. I'd think they'd realize that, and you would too, but no . . . all I get back for my troubles is a nasty little letter full of cracks about my Unusual feet! What we should do about it is go without a while. I do that a lot around the house but the wife says it's uncouth and makes me put my socks back on when she catches me at it.

Well, when the women took up that stockingless fad a while back you sure heard a loud squawk from the mills, didn't you? That's what us men should do . . . and after these companies have gone broke they might wake up and reorganize their pattern departments and use a real foot for a model instead of an old pair of potatoes. Let's get this thing started and organize!

After all . . . I can't swing it without a little cooperation, you know!—F. Stanley Yates.

SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS

Negroes have been taking contributions from business men this week for funds with which to gravel a street in Sunset Addition. The council has promised to pay half the costs of the improvement and the Negroes are seeking through contrbiutions to defray the other half.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their expressions of kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement in the loss of our father and brother, W. C. Haley.—Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Herring and W. A. Haley.

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RURAL TRENDS

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DEFENSE WORRIES



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Daily we hear about the defense boom and what's going to happen afterward. There is no question about our having a huge task of readjustment ahead of us, but there are many factors which will make this a different problem than ever before.

Before long we will be in the midst of feeding Europe. In Great Britain the food situation at present is just as difficult as in the gloomiest days of 1917. Female labor and equipment from America is the immediate hope, but beyond this our food supplies will be utilized to feed the British.

Then comes continental Europe and its starving victims. This will quickly wipe out the surpluses and take much of the primary food supply of the United States.

The industrial requirements of defense will be eclipsed by the agricultural demands that will be placed upon this country. Our farms will have to be mobilized just as we are attempting to do with our factories. Farm equipment will be just as scarce comparatively as machine tools and production equipment are today. Farm labor will become more difficult to get as we progress with this program.

There are many who are already worrying about what's going to happen when the defense program is over. They visualize idle machinery, surplus plant capacity and men without jobs. Actually, we are extending this national defense program under very different conditions than any which this nation has ever found itself in before. American industry has been literally stagnant for several years. Had there been no defense program, it would have taken several years to replace the wornout machinery and plant equipment. United States of 1940, as a whole, was only a shell, industrially speaking. The depression and subsequent years robbed us of most of our industrial power. Corporate capital was largely wiped out during the depression. In the cases where it was reduced to an unhealthy state, the drain of social legislation made profit impossible. The result was no new machinery. Goods were produced on old machinerq. Time after time, repairs were made.

The manpower problem has been even more grave. Industry only gambles on new and untrained manpower when it has surplus funds with which to take a chance on the untrained becoming valuable, or working for the same company after the training is completed. The result has been a bankruptcy of manpower. Good men are extremely scarce from common labor to management. Never in the history of this country has there been such a shortage of good men who can be relied upon to take responsible positions in industry. As a whole, the manpower available today lacks the necessary training in business methods and production operations.

If we are to face the facts squarely, the United States is just as short of men and machines for industrial power as it is planes and pilots for air power. This country must turn to men who know business. Industry, despite unfavorable legislation and attacks from every side during the past several years, has again returned to its rightfully important place in our economy. With agriculture, industry occupies the front rank of democracy. The hope of democracy for today and the future lies in the abilities of men of industry. If they can create trained manpower and produce the machinery necessary, we need have no fears.

After the necessities of defense have been taken care of, we will find ourselves with industrial modern machinery to take care of peacetime requirements with higher efficiency. This producing power will not only produce necessities, but will also return to the luxury items that will be given up during the period of defense building due to lack of raw materials.

Conservation News

Jefferson City, Mo.—A new forest protection district, covering 479,360 acres of woodland, has been established in St. Charles, Warren and Montgomery counties, it was announced today by the Forestry Section of the Missouri Conservation Commission.

Forest Protection Districts are established through an agreement between the owners of the forest land and the Missouri Conservation Commisison. Owners and tenants agree to cooperate with the Commission in watching for and suppressing forest fires, in return for which the Commission provides men and equipment with which to combat fires.

Headquarters of the new district will be at Warrenton, county seat of Warren county, where a District Forester will be stationed. A fire tower will be erected in the district which will serve as secondary district headquarters. In addition to the Commission employes and the landowners, rural mail carriers, local sportsmen and the public at large are requested to aid in the reporting of fires to supplement the detection work of forest guards and cooperators.

Missouri Nature Knights, as well as thousands of other Missouri youngsters, will observe Missouri Bird Day on March 21.

The Missouri Conservation Commission, realizing the value of birds to farmers, orchardists and to the welfare of the state in general, and bearing in mind the importance of their position in maintaining the balance of nature, is preparing a suggested outline for the use of Nature Knight leaders and other youth group leaders in observance of Missouri Bird Day.

The value of birds should be understood, not only from the esthetic standpoint, but from a practical and economic standpoint. The U. S. Department of Agriculture points out that unless immediate measures are adopted to restore a sure, safe and natural equilibrium between insectivorous birds and their foods, the time may come when the annual loss caused by insects to agriculture may be counted in billions instead of millions of dollars.

Destructive insects multiply with astounding rapidity, and if they were not checked by the birds the results could prove disastrous. For instance, experts estimate that the unchecked natural increase of one pair of gypsy moths would defoliate the United States in eight years.

One of the aims of the Missouri Conservation Commission it is pointed out by Director I. T. Bode, is to protect and restore the useful birds of Missouri. Through its Nature Knights and other activities, the Commission encourages the study, care and protection of birds. Through other agencies the Commission brings to farmers a knowledge of the value of birds and discourages such practices as clearing from pastures, fields and fence rows, all of the fruit bearing native shrubs and trees which provide food and cover for both game birds and song birds.

Birds are our guardians against the constant and relentless attack of insects, and it was for this reason that the state legislature, in 1917, set aside the 21st of March of each year as Bird Day, when teachers, students and patrons of the schools should observe the day by encouraging the study, care and protection of birds.

Production and distribution of fish by the Missouri Conservation Commission during 1940 came to a grand total of 5,351,740, according to the annual report of the Fisheries Section.

This figure included trout and warm water fishes reared in hatcheries and distributed in lakes and streams of the state, and fish which were rescued and placed in suitable waters. It also included 77,000 bullfrog tadpoles.

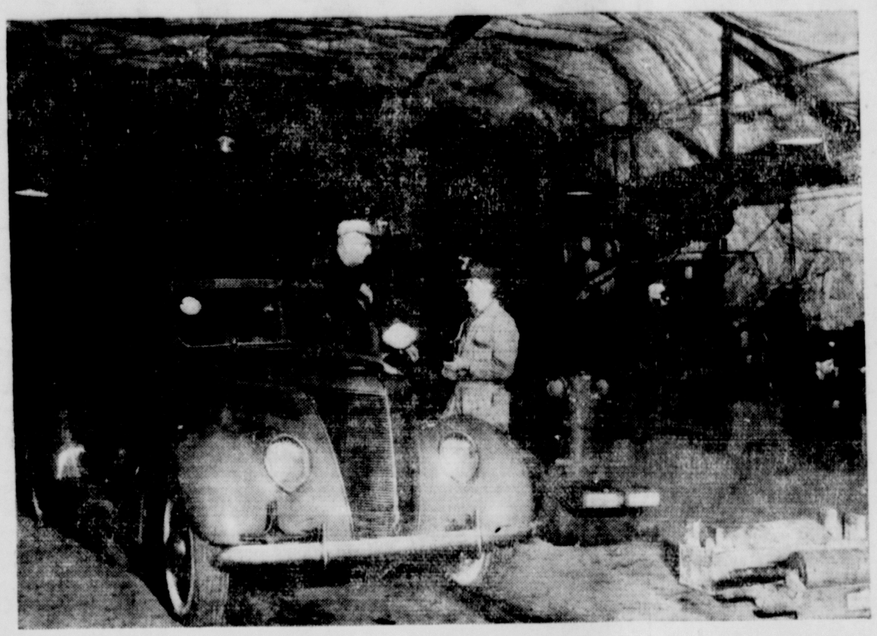
The number exceeds by more than a million fish the total production and distribution of any previous year. During the year the fish rescue activities of the Commission resulted in the saving of 1,502,763 fish. 424,792 trout were reared and released in state trout waters, and 3,424,185 game fish, including large mouthed black bass, small mouthed black bass, black crappie, white crappie, bluegills, green sunfish, channel cat, goggle-eye and bull heads, were reared and distributed in Missouri waters.

ROOF FIRE

A spark from the flue set the roof of the Elmos Taylor home, 224 Moore Avenue, on fire Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. The blaze was put out by firemen without damage.

January shipments of finshed steel products by subisdiaries of United States Steel Corp. totaled 1,682,454 tons, the largest for any January on record and within one per cent of the May 1929 monthly record, reports officials. This was an increase of 137,831 tons from December and was 536,862 tons above January 1940. In May, 1929, shipments totaled 1,701,874 tons.

WHERE CARS RUN THOUSANDS OF MILES WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES



Two automobiles without license plates have been averaging 25 miles a day on Detroit streets and getting away with it. No traffic cop holds them up. Detroiters do not know of these cars or the streets on which they run.

The plots of these unlicensed autos drive in eternal darkness except for their headlights, which burn constantly. The beams of these headlights flash on crystal pillars and arches and roadbeds as the cars curve and twist 20 miles of streets in the great salt mine lying a quarter of a mile beneath the traffic of Detroit.

Few Detroiters even know that the mine exists.

Thirty years ago immense deposits of salt were discovered a thousand to fifteen hundred feet below Detroit's west side. A shaft was sunk by the International Salt Company, which has been burrowing under Detroit ever since. Distances finally became so great that the automobile idea got into the company's head.

The difficulty was that no road ran into the mine.

The only way was by vertical shaft. So the salt company put its problem up to the Ford Motor Company.

The next difficulty was that a regular closed car wouldn't fit into the shaft.

So a couple of convertibles were sent over and the tops removed. Then into the depths of the shaft went the topless cars. There was no need to put the tops on again, for no rain or snow ever falls in the city of salt, where the temperature is always 58 degrees.

One of the cars was assigned to foreman Edward Yipee, who has worked in the mine since the shaft was first sunk in 1910.

The other Ford is equipped as a repair and maintenance car and is used chiefly by the mechanical trouble shooter in keeping the mine's far-flung machinery in working order.

Prosperity Notes

The Agricultural Department predicts wool prices would be higher this spring and summer than one year ago because of prospects for increased mill consumption for civil and military demands. The United States average price of wool received by farmers was said to have been 31.3 cents per pound on January 15 compared with 28.1 cents on the corresponding date in 1940. Another price supporting factor, the department said, was an indication that carry-over of wool into the new season which begins April 1, may be the smallest in recent years. Imports of apparel wool for consumption in 1940 approximated 223,000,000 pounds, or 125,000,000 pounds larger than in 1939 and the largest since 1923.

Blue Springs, according to the Herald, is in for a buildng boom as announcement is made of the platting of fifteen acres near that city for residential expansion.

Bethlehem Steel corporation's production of steel ingots in January was the largest for any one month in history, says company officials. The outturn was 1,017,346 net tons, compared with the previous monthly high of 1,014,961 net tons in October, 1940. During January, Bethlehem's operations averaged 100.5 of rated capacity.

Producers marketing their 1940 tobacco at the Weston tobacco auctions have received $665,357.38, nearly twice the receipts of one year ago. Total sales at the market which opened December 4 and closed January 31, were 4,315,364 pounds and the average price was $15.29 per 100 pounds. One year ago sales totaled 3,574,022 pounds, producers received $350,215.32 and the average price per 100 pounds was $9.91. Sales were conducted at two large warehouses.

Officials of Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., reports a 9 per cent increase in January sales amounting to $19,927,935 compared with $18,204,966 for the corresponding 1940 period.

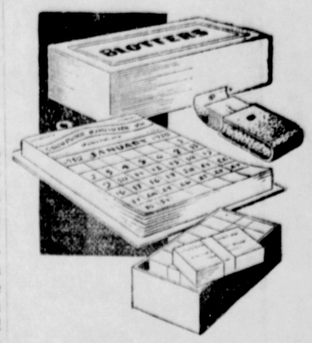
The FHA reports construction of 103,187 small homes were started with private capital under the FHA program in the past seven months, a 32 per cent increase over the same period one year ago. Approximately 85 per cent were in areas where expanding national defense industries created housing needs according to Abner H. Ferguson, administrator.

The Associated Press index of industrial activity advanced for the week ended February 15 from 124.1 to 124.9 to another record high, totaling the broadest gain of the year and the third in succession. Principal influence in the week's advance was the rise in automobile assemblies, with cotton manufacturing and steel production showing a slight upward trend.

Contracts for 17,750 trunk lockers costing $49,345 has been awarded to the Neevel Manufacturing Company of Kansas City by the quartermaster corps which had previously filled orders for more than 70,000 lockers.

Price of lead ore increased $2.16 per ton to $66.70 on the Joplin ore market for the February 15 week, following a $3 per ton increase in pig iron. Zinc continued to bring $48 per ton. Smelters during the week purchased 6,370 tons of zinc ore with production at 8,790 tons. Combined shipment value of lead and zinc ore was $433,982, bringing the total value for the year to $3,291,040.

Net sales of American Can Co. in 1940 rose to the highest level in history of the company, reports officials. Sales for the year aggregated $197,515,244, showing a 4.3 per cent increase over 1939.



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"Blowing nothing," retorted H. . . . . "Every cent of the fire insurance on the old house is gone into the new house. But the insurance company is helping out in my living expenses here, just the same."

"What's this you're telling me? Never heard that before."

"Insurance. While my house is being built, the insurance company is paying me for the loss of a place to live. Rental income insurance is what it's called."

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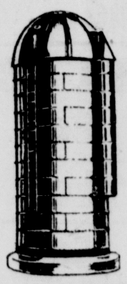
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Come in today! Let's talk SIZE! Let's talk RIDE! Let's talk PERFORMANCE! Bring along your present car and let's talk "trade" too! This great new FORD is the one BIG car you won't want to miss this year!

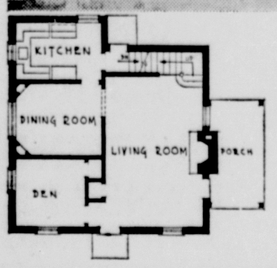
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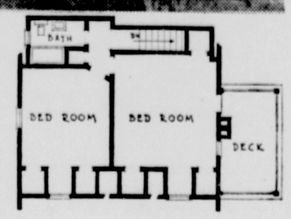
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Here is a house which is as typically American as the Rocky Mountains. Its Colonial design and brick construction reflect a feeling of warmth and soundness and provide a home that is almost universal in popularity.

The interior is as attractive and hospitable as the exterior. A large living room with fireplace, a den, dining room, and kitchen make up the first floor, while upstairs are two bedrooms and bath. The roof of the side porch provides a useful sun deck. This property was financed with a mortgage of $5,100 insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Monthly payments on a mortgage of this amount, over a period of 25 years, average about $30, exclusive of taxes and hazard insurance

Hints for February Parties

With the coming of February we must have, at least, our cherry pies moulded deserts for Valentine's and Washington's birthday dinner. If you plan to pay back some obligations with a party, why not make it a Washington's birthday dinner? Besides the favors and the cherry tree for your center table decoration, the "February idea" can be carried out in the menu.

"Turkey days" are gone for this year, so let's leave behind the plum puddings and pumpkin pies that naturally go along with the turkey. Don't try to get a turkey at this late date or a spring chicken so early in the season. Concentrate on meats that are good this time of the year. Here are two alternate menus:

Gelatin Fruit Salad
Boiled Mayonnaise
Celery and Olives
Breast of Veal Stuffed With
Celery Sage Dressing
Cherry Cranberries
Buttered Asparagus
Baked Potatoes
Hot Baking Powder Biscuits
Cherry Pie Coffee

Puree of Tomato Soup
Soda Crackers
Celery Hearts and Radishes
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Cauliflower With Buttered
Bread Crumbs
Compote of Spiced Peaches
Hot Corn Bread Muffins
Cherry-Pineapple Pudding
Coffee

The cherry-pineapple pudding can be put into heart moulds for a Valentine day dessert.

CHERRY-PINEAPPLE PUDDING

1 can pineapple (large)
1 pt. cream
2 egg whites
2 tbsp. gelatine dissolved in ½ cup cold water
½ cup sugar

Boil pineapple juice, gelatin and sugar. Add stiffly beaten whites and whipped cream. Put into mould a layer of above, then bits of cherries, nuts and pineapple. Repeat until mould is full. Put moulds in icebox for eight to ten hours.

LEMON FLUFF PIE

Crust:
2-3 small box graham crackers
1-3 cup butter
2 tbsp. sugar

Filling:
5 eggs (separate)
1 cup sugar
Rind of 1 lemon
Juice of 1½ lemons
½ tbsp. gelatin
¼ cup water

Mix melted butter and sugar with crumbs. Grease a spring form with butter and line bottom and as much of sides as possible with crumbs. Pat the crumbs against the bottom and sides of spring form and bake for about twenty minutes in medium hot oven.

Beat yolks thoroughly; add ½ cup sugar and rind and juice of lemons. Cook in double boiler until it thickens a bit. Add gelatin soaked in water. Cool and add whites beaten with ½ cup sugar. Pour into the crust which has been cooled. Let stand in icebox for eight to ten hours. This will serve eight.

BAKED MASHED SQUASH

Special Note—This is for those especially who do not like squash. You can serve this dish as your vegetable, it will be eaten with gusto. Of course, do not say it is squash but some special new and inexpensive vegetable; and they will never recognize it as squash.

1½ lbs. of white summer squash (this is obtainable all winter)
1 medium size onion, chopped
1 egg
2 tbsp. butter
½ cup buttered bread crumbs

Boil squash until tender in salt water. If it is young and tender do not peal, just cut up. Drain thoroughly and mash with a fork or potato masher. Brown the onions slightly in butter. Beat egg for 2 or 3 minutes and add to the squash when cooled, with onions and butter. Mix thoroughly with stlt and pepper to taste. Put in pyrex dish and sprinkle buttered bread crumbs on top. Bake in moderate over for 25 minutes or until crumbs are good and brown.

A lovely cake to have in the house for guests who just drop in is a sunshine sponge cake:

SUNSHINE SPONGE CAKE

5 eggs
1 cup sugar
½ lemon—rind and juice
1 cup Swansdown flour
¼ tsp. salt

Sift flour before measuring, beat yolks until light colored and thick. Add lemon juice. Beat whites until stiff. Fork in sugar mixed with grated lemon rind then yolks and last the flour and salt. Cut in and fold, do not mix or beat. Bake in slow oven about one hour in unbuttered pan, increasing heat towards last to brown cake. Let cool in pan inverted. When cool sprinkle powdered sugar over the top. This cake is very fine as a base for strawberry or peach shortcake. Just split the whole cake in half, put strawberries mashed with little sugar or sliced canned peaches (drained) in middle of cake. Place other half of cake on top and a few more of the berries or peaches on top. Spread over with ½ pint whipped cream sweetened with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and flavor with ½ teaspoon valilla.

CELERY SAGE DRESSING

12 medium slices stale bread
1 cup chopped celery
1 tsp. sage
1 medium size onion
1 egg
2 tbsp. butter
¼ cup cream

Soak the bread in water. Press out water as well as posible. Mash bread up with fork. Cut up celery and onion into small pieces and cook until soft in the butter. Add to bread mixed with egg and cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste and mix very thoroughly.

A very special breakfast dish for the holidays is scrambled eggs with tomatoes. Surround with browned pork sausages. This is equally as tasty a luncheon dish.

SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH TOMATOES

Slice half-green tomatoes. Dip into flour and brown slightly in hot pan with butter. Pour the beaten eggs (mixed with a little cream) over the tomatoes and mix slightly around the tomatoes. Leave slices of tomatoes whole. Pour onto plater and surround with pork sausages.

A good alternate for the cherry pie dessert is a lemon fluff pie with graham cracker crust.

BOILED MAYONNAISE FOR FRUIT SALAD

2 eggs
½ cup water
½ cup vinegar
3 tsp. sugar
¾ tsp. dry mustard
⅛ tsp. cayenne pepper
1 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. salt
½ tbsp. butter

Mix dry ingredients, then add the butter, water and vinegar. Boil in double boiler, stirring constantly until smooth. Put a few spoonsfuls into the beaten eggs, mix thoroughly and cook until it thickens. When ready to use thin out with cream. This will serve about twelve salads.

CORNMEAL MUFFINS

¼ cup butter
¼ cup sugar
1 cup milk
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 cup cornmeal
½ tsp. baking powder

Cream the butter and add sugar. Then beat eggs until thick without separating. Stir the milk, flour and cornmeal sifted with salt and baking powder, into the above. Beat thoroughly and bake in buttered muffin tins about 20 minutes.

CHERRY CRANBERRIES

1 lb. cranberries
¼ cup water
2½ cups sugar

Wash and pick over cranberries. Put in pyrex dish with water and sugar over the top. Cover and bake until cranberries are clear and cherry-like.

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The P. C. Editor Says:

After all the publicity and talk about which of the two candidates for Governor of Missouri were honestly elected, it looks to us like neither the Republicans nor the Democrats should object to the recount of all ballots cast in the general election last November. Then rules should be published as to how the votes should be counted, which should be declared mutilated, which should be counted straight Republican votes and which should be counted as straight Democratic votes, and which way a ballot should be counted when the cross mark was made under the Democratic emblem and a mark was drawn through the name of McDaniel and no cross made in front of Donnell's name, whether this should be counted as a Democratic vote or for Donnell or no vote for Governor.

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You did not see it in glaring headlines in the metropolitan Republican press, but Lawrence McDaniel, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, has been elected as a member of the St. Louis Salvation Army Advisory Board—a board composed of high class Christian gentlemen. As the St. Louis County Leader so aptly says: "Doesn't that put to shame those Republican publicity hirelings who allegedly spent $500,000 to convince the voters of Missouri that the Hon. Lawrence McDaniel is a bull-necked, hog-jowled, whopper-jawed saloon operator whose face was never anywhere but on the barroom floor? They should hang their head in shame."

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You know from what I hear of some young girls who frequent road houses, beer drinking places, and other places where they have no business, that it would be a fine thing if our local police and constable of Richland Township would visit these places every few nights and see that these girls are sent home, or call their parents, and warn the operators of these places to forbid minors to frequent them.

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Fred Wengler, near Fredericktown, cut a large tree near his barn and found a den of pole cats in the hollow roots of the tree and when he checked in the lot he found eleven of these pretty black and white kitties. Then in the hollow of the upper section of the tree he discovered a swarm of bees that had laid up a supply of honey for the winter, but the honey had a pole cat odor from the last fight the kitties put up, so the honey was a loss. Mr. Wrengler said the tree yielded, skunks, honey, fuel and fun.

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Tom Scott, present warden of the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City, was a caller at the Standard office Friday afternoon. He came down to attend the big auction sale near Morley Thursday where he purchased a number of mules. He stated he would retire to his Scott County farm where he would live on the farm and off the farm. Tom says he owes no one and feels certain he will miss no meals as long as Mrs. Scott runs the farm.

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A small blaze was discovered on the roof at the C. L. Blanton, Sr., home Saturday evening shortly after 7:00 o'clock that necessitated calling out the fire department. It was caused by burning soot falling on the shingle roof. Happily, underneath the shingle roof was a composition roof that prevented the blaze from burning through. The hand chemicle extinguisher was used that smothered the small blaze before it got a good start. Our neighbor Harris Draughan while driving by discovered the blaze and notified us when the fire department was called. We are very thankful that so little damage was done and are grateful for the promptness in which the fire company responded. All is well that ends well.

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Slaying Case On March Court Docket

A slaying last May, allegedly growing out of racial ill-feeling between whites and Mexicans employed in plantation work near Morehouse, is scheduled to be reviewed in the trial of Richard Gonzalez and others, charged with murder, during the March term of Scott county circuit court.

The trial is docketed for March 5, third day of the court term. The case will come up for hearing at Benton on a change of venue from New Madrid county.

Zerald Yancey, 21, employe of the Himmelbarger-Harrison Lumber Company, was fatally stabbed the night of May 18. A near lynching of a Mexican by 500 angered residents of Morehouse occurred following the affray.

Charged in the slaying were Gonsalez and Linandro Ontaveros, both about 20. Before the stabbing occurred a Mexican youth was reported to have been hit in the head with a beer bottle and other members of the race gave chase to the assailant, who succeeded in eluding them.

ATTACK IN DOORWAY

Officers expressed the opinion that Mexicans attacked Yancey in the mistaken belief that he was the person who threw the bottle when they came upon him standing in the darkened doorway of a store. Witnesses reported that two Mexicans drew knives on the young man.

Constable N. W. Herrin reported at the time that ill feeling was generated when Mexicans mingled with whites at dances and taverns and danced with white girls.

Another case scheduled for trial before Judge J. C. McDowell will be that of William Lowder, 18-year-old farm youth of near Diehlstadt, accused of felonious assault in connection with the knifing of Robert Garner, 17, Matthews farmer.

55 CRIMINAL CASES

Fifty-five criminal and 94 civil cases are on the docekt for the term of court, March 3-5.

Other criminal cases, the person charged and the accusation:

Elton McEwing and others, embezzlement.

J. Sherwood Smith, embezzlement.

Walter C. Ancell, evasion of sales tax.

Frank Perry, stealing chickens in night time.

Sam Neal, receiving stolen property, allegedly taken from Ralph's Cash Store on highway 60 west of Sikeston.

Walter Bouie and others, juvenile delinquent.

Sanford Lancaster. gambling.
Lonnie Wilson, gambling.
Wilbern Bruce, gambling.
Russell Felker, gambling.

Robert Shelly West, accused of rape in connection with an alleged assault upon a 11-year-old girl.

Warren Rowlett, burglary and larceny in conncetion with entrance of Sikeston grocery stores.

ACCUSED OF CATTLE THEFTS

William Harold Chism and others, stealing cattle. Chism, 20, and Earnie Merick, 22, both of Blodgett, are accused of stealing approximately 18 head of cattle during December and January.

John Kinstler and others, forgery, in connection with a check passed at the Home Oil Company in December in which R. D. Clayton's name was alleged to have been forged.

Willie Willis, grand larceny, accused in connection with robbery of $46 from Harold Newbold, Creal Springs, Ill., coal hauler, while Newbold was napping at a service station near here the night of Jan. 12.

Jesse Lott and others, burglary and larceny.

A. C. Stevens and others, burglary and larceny.

Lott, Stevens and Walter Wimper were arrested in January and accused of stealing approximately 100 bushels of grain during December and January.

FACES MISDEMEANOR

A. Z. Arnold, uttering a worthless check. He was accused of giving a check for $160 to the Sikeston Auction Company which was alleged to have been returned marked insufficient funds. The charge against him is a misdemeanor.

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Ex-Service Men To Be Guests Of Legionnaires

All ex-service men in Sikeston are invited to attend a dinner meeting of the Henry Meldrum Post No. 114, American Legion, at the Armory this Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Matters concerning national defense will be brought up at the gathering and Legionnaires urge every ex-service man in the city to attend.

Regular meetings of the post are held the second and fourth Monday nights of every month in the Legion club rooms at the Armory but the dinner session will be in lieu of the regular Monday night meeting.

A short business session will be conducted Tuesday night followed by refreshments and entertainment.

Those who have not paid their dues may present them to any member at the meeting or to Paul Slinkard at the Bank of Sikeston or Judge W. P. Wilkerson, adjutant, in the Scott County Milling Company building.

Eva Lee Jones Weds B. F. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Jones have announced the marriage of their daughter, Eva Lee, to Benjamin F. Moore, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore of Independence, Mo. The ceremony was performed January 20, by the Rev. J. W. Clarke at his home in Marion, Ark.

The bride was graduated from the Charleston high school and Teachers College in Cape Girardeau and did graduate work at the University of Missouri. She was a member of the Hesperian Literary Society at Teachers College and served as maid to the Sagamore queen. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Missouri University College of Agriculture and was a member of Scabbard and Blade, honor military society. He is county rural rehabilitation supervisor of the Farm Security Administration in Mississippi County.

Saturday night, employes of the F. S. A. office in Charleston entertained at a dinner, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Moore, at the Colonial Tavern in Cape Girardeau, followed by dancing at the Colony Club in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kinder and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson attended the party.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Martha Ellen Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mason of Sikeston, and Merle Henricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Henricks of Mount Morris, Ill., was announced Saturday evening at a dinner at the I. Ben Miller Cafe in Cape Girardeau. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Mason is employed at the Pitman Tailors and Cleaners and Mr. Moore is a mechanic at the Cape Girardeau Commercial Airport.

School Gives Dance Program

The Cozette School of Dancing appeared Friday night before a large and appreciative audience in a program of ballet, toe and acrobatic numbers. The pupils were well trained and wore attractive costumes that added to ensemble.

They are appearing before various clubs and societies and their work does credit to the teacher, Mrs. Cozette Dickerson, who has studied with Kosloff and Chaloff of New York City and the Arthur Murray School in Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Clark is accompanist for the school.

CIRCLE MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Annie Armstrong Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Alva Vaughn on Shelby street Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

Each day it thunders in February, the corresponding dates in April will have frost, according to a Missisippi superstition.

Mules Whip Bulldogs, 29-28, 39-30

Bowing out of regular season play in defeat, the Sikeston high school Bulldogs journeyed to Poplar Bluff Friday night, the A team losing 29-28 and the Bs, 39-30.

Earlier in the season Bulldog teams had soundly trounced the Mules in a double bill at the Armory here, the As winning 41-26 and the Bs, 33-20.

The teams may meet again. Both are entered in the regional tournament which will open this Tuesday night in Poplar Bluff at 7:30 o'clock with Perryville meeting the top-seeded Bulldogs.

Conclusion of the regular season play, gave the Bulldog A quintet a record of 14 victories against five defeats and the Bs, five triumphs against two losses.

GRADDY'S GOAL TURNS TIDE

It was a field goal sunk by Center Grady of the Mules that provided the margin of victory for the Mules in Friday night's A game. Sikeston, after trailing the Mules, 12-7 at the end of the initial frame and 17-13 at the half, came back in the third quarter to build up a 17-13 advantage.

The Bulldogs were unable to match the Mules' scoring fireworks in the final period. Forward Poe hooped a free throw and a field goal, Captain Van Dover sank a free throw and Guard Shadle a field goal and gift toss.

Forward D. B. Waggoner of Sikeston gave a good account of himself and two free throws while Guard Lee Bowman succeeded in a free throw.

SHOTS BOUNCE OFF HOOP

Time after time the Bulldogs' shots hit the hoop only to bounce off, a recurrence of the difficulty that cost them a recent game with Cape Girardeau after an early season victory.

Forward Clem Beal came through with the Bulldog scoring honors with four field goals and two free shots for a total of 10 and Bowman, who went out of the game on fouls, was second with eight points.

Shadle won the honors for the Mules, accounting for nine points via three field goals and as many free throws.

The lineups of the A game:

Sikeston	FG	FT	F	TP
Wyatt, f.	1	1	3	3
Beal, f.	0	0	1	0
Waggoner, f.	4	2	3	10
Swacker, c. (C)	2	3	3	7
Bowman, g.	3	2	4	8
Rafferty, g.	0	0	3	0
Diehl, g.	0	0	3	0
	10	8	20	28

Poplar Bluff	FG	FT	F	TP
Poe, f.	2	2	2	6
Van Dover, f. (C)	3	2	3	8
Graddy, c.	1	3	1	5
Shadle, g.	3	3	3	9
Mothershead, g.	0	1	3	1
	9	11	12	29

Referee—Dick Kinder, Poplar Bluff.

Wayne Ables and Dick Tongate, forwards, paced the Bulldog attack in the B game. Both hooped nine points by four field goals and a single free throw.

Forward Brent led the Mules with 12 points.

Poplar Bluff maintained a lead throughout after the first quarter which ended in a 6-6 deadlock. At the half the Mules were ahead, 16-12 and at the end of the third quarter 26-21.

The lineups:

Sikeston	FG	FT	F	TP
Ables, f.	4	1	1	9
Tongate, f.	4	1	3	9
Crase, c.	0	3	0	3
Mitchell, c.	1	0	0	2
Puckett, g.	0	3	3	3
Boyd, g.	0	1	0	1
Skelton, g.	0	1	3	1
Billinton,	0	2	2	2
	9	12	12	30

Poplar Bluff	FG	FT	F	TP
Knapp, f.	0	0	0	0
Brent, f.	6	0	2	12
Watts, f.	0	0	0	0
Atkins, f.	1	1	2	3
Davis, f.	3	0	1	6
Hubbs, c.	0	0	0	0
Dodge, c.	4	1	3	9
Sheldon, g.	0	0	3	0
Walker, g.	2	2	3	6
Stewart, g.	0	0	1	0
Cope, g.	1	1	3	3
	16	5	18	39

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Miner School To Fete Opening Of New Building

Miner School, three miles east of Sikeston, will celebrate the opening of its new building Thursday night. The four-room building has three class rooms, a large auditorium, and basement, complete with modern lighting, plumbing, hardwood floors, and many built-in features.

The old brick building will be used for the WPA lunch room, which has fed approximately 70 school children daily the past two years. The school WPA garden last summer produced enough for 1,800 cans of vegetables for the lunch room's use this winter.

Miner School has been chosen as a Model Health School (rural) by District Public Health Nurse, Miss Anno, in co-operation with the State Board of Health. Pupils have been inoculated against smallpox and diphtheria. Typhoid shots will be given soon, and plans are being made to give cod liver oil to the children.

The school follows the rural school music program and has a thirty-five piece rhythm band, a 12-piece tonette band, upper grade and lower grade choruses. The school has an enrollment of nearly 80, under the leadership of three teachers, Mrs. Jewell Allen, Mrs. J. J. Reeves, and Miss Madge Davis.

Directors of the school are Orville L. Denton, C. W. Elliott, Roy Masterson, and Mrs. Harold Lewis, clerk.

The opening Thursday evening will feature "Buck Turner and His Buckaroos" from Radio Station WREC at Memphis. Profits from an admission charge will be applied to the cost of a new enclopedia for the school.

Octogenerian Wins Card Prize

Bridge playing of J. W. Baker, Sr., 817 North Kingshighway, won for him another prize on the occasion of a party held in honor of his eighty-eighth birthday Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary last Monday.

Schwegler to Chicago Parley

Bartley R. Schwegler, district manager of the State Farm Insurance Companies, left Sunday afternoon for Chicago, where he will attend the national convention of the State Farm Insurance Companies. He will be accompanied to St. Louis by Mrs. Schwegler, who will visit her mother.

Schwegler states than on account of satisfactory production in his district he will have all of his expenses paid to the convention. He expects to return Thursday.

Richard Lowery Given Promotion

Richard Lowrey, employe at the Dixie Greyhound bus station here, has been promoted to a position as ticket agent for the line at Jackson, Miss.

He came here from Tiptonville, Tenn., and recently has worked nights at the station. Succeeding him will be Jesse Carroll, an employ of Heisserers Drug Store.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Leech entertained at their home Sunday with a birthday dinner complimenting Mrs. Leech's mother, Mrs. Emma Jones. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cornice Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Medley, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Berry of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carter of DeSoto, John D. Fields and Miss Eugie Fields, a sister of Mrs. Jones, also celebrated her birth anniversary Sunday.

TO ENTERTAIN CLASS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirk will entertain members of the Keystone Class of the Presbyterian Church at their home on North Kingshighway Wednesday evening.

SECRETARY



Miss Vernetta Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, 411 Matthews Street, who for eight years has been secretary of the Sikeston Standard.

Father of Sikestonian Dies

B. W. Fink, 76, father of Mrs. M. M. Duncan of Sikeston, died in a hospital at Poplar Bluff Wednesday night.

Invalided about six years ago shortly after the death of his wife, he had been cared for in his home at Bloomfield until about two weeks ago when he was removed to a hospital. An attack of pneumonia, suffered earlier in the week, was given as the cause of his death.

Surviving are four other children—Miss Chlo of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Vincent Ashley of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Polly Scott of Bloomfield, and Lieut.-Commander B. W. Fink, Jr., who is stationed at Seattle, Wash. Another daughter, Miss Juanita, died Nov. 10, 1940, following a stroke she suffered two or three days earlier.

He was born in Bremen, Ind., Dec. 14th. 1864. At the age of 16 he moved to Bollinger county and lived there until after his graduation from the Cape Girardeau Normal School.

His wife preceded him in death in 1934.

Shortly following his marriage he moved to Brownwood where he engaged in the timber business. Eight years later, in 1896, the family moved to Bloomfield, where he became manager for the Pioneer Cooperage Co., that operated a large mill there at that time. After the company moved its plant from Bloomfield, the Fink family remained, but Mr. Fink continued in the employ of the company as one of its foremen. In appreciation of his long and valuable service the company continued to keep him on its payroll after he became incapacitated some six years ago.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Scottish Rite order.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church, with Rev. R. J. Allen in charge. Interment was in the Bloomfield cemetery.

Death Takes Retired Farmer

James A. Oliver, 80-year-old retired farmer, died at 12:30 a. m. Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levvie C. Talley, 135 North Frisco street. He had been in ill health three years.

Born in Lion County, Kentucky, April 5, 1860, Mr. Oliver had lived in and near Sikeston 50 years.

Besides Mrs. Tally, he is survived by five other daughters, Mrs. Agnes Edwards, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Bessie Gibbs, Chaffee; Mrs. Minnie Decker and Mrs. Mattie Sidwell, both of Sikeston and Mrs. Beatrice Dean, Grant City, Ill.; two nephews, Dick Dean, Charleston and Tennie Dean, Eddieville, Ky.; 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Tally at 2 p. m. Saturday with the Rev. J. F. Hoffert, pastor of the Nazarene church, in charge. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery at Charleston with Welsh service.

SON TO CUTRELLS

A son weighing eight and a half pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cutrell at the Sikeston General Hospital Friday evening. He has been given the name Ralph Spencer.

Residence Gutted by Fire

A two-story frame house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Louie Largents on North Kingshighway, was gutted by fire discovered at 11:45 p. m. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Largents were not at home at the time and firemen broke into the house, taking out clothing, a stove, refrigerator, dining and living room furniture before flames reached them.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was estimated to have caused at least $4,500 worth of damage to the house, owned by Tom Baker of Malden, and the contents.. Some insurance was reported to have been carried on the property.

The entire roof of the structure was afire when the firemen were summoned and nothing but the walls and a charred interior stood when the blaze was extinguished.

Car Overturns On Highway 60

A Packard sedan was wrecked but its occupants escaped injury when the vehicle overturned after crashing into a truck on highway 60, five miles east of Sikeston at 4:30 a. m. Saturday.

Sgt. Melvin Dace of the state patrol arrested the driver Thomas P. Allen, Decatur, Ill., and he was fined $50 and cost when he appeared before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell.

The machine, owned by Ernest Smith, Decatur, was damaged to the extent of approximately $300. It was dented on all sides, the top smashed in, front wheels torn off and the front left grille bashed in.

The Packard struck the rear of a truck driven by John A. Neely of Marion, Ill. Wheels on the trailer were knocked out of line. No one was injured.

Firemen Heed 18 Alarms

Firemen have been summoned to 18 fires during February, only two of which incurred heavy damage to property.

They were called to 314 Daniels street Sunday where they extinguished a grass fire without damage.

Saturday night they put out a roof fire at the C. L. Blanton, Sr., home 305 Tanner.

Steam from a vent pipe at the home of Dr. Howard A. Dunaway, 309 North Prairie, Monday at 8:45 a. m. brought them to that residence. There was no damage.

A call was made Friday at 4:05 p. m. to 312 Matthews where they put out a grass fire without loss.

Matthews Baby Dies

Junior Burch, day-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Irbie Burch of Matthews, died Sunday at 10 p. m.

Brief services were held Monday morning at the home with interment in Matthews cemetery with Albritton service. The Rev. G. A. Hardin officiated.

Surviving besides the parents is a sister, Linda Lee, three.

CHILD'S CONDITION IMPROVED

Judith Lee, the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sells, Jr., who was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau last Friday, suffering with a badly infected throat, is much improved and is expected to be brought home this Monday afternoon. She will be accompanied by an aunt, Mrs. William Schuette, a trained nurse at the hospital, who will remain in charge of the case for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Sells and Miss Jewell Mouser were with the child during the critical period of the illness.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The St. Paul's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Kendall Sikes on North Kingshighway. Mrs. Milem Limbaugh, as guest speaker, will review the book "Rebirth of a Nation" by Jacob Gartenhaus. All members are requested to be present.

Norway's northern coast is rising at the rate of five feet every hundred years.

Blaze Razes Two Story Structure

A two-story frame building at 127 East Malone Avenue, owned by Mrs. Laura Slack, was gutted by fire Thursday night.

Nothing was saved from the structure, which with the exception of the Caleb Smith real estate office, was operated as a rooming house by Mrs. Lenna Marshall, who made her home there.

Damage to the building and contents was estimated at $4,000 but papers of Smith which went up in the smoke may increase the amount of the loss, reported to have been at least partially covered by insurance.

FLAMES FROM EVERY OPENING

Flames were shooting from every opening of the house when firemen arrived. The blaze was discovered at 8:30 p. m. and firemen, who succeeded in keeping flames from spreading to the adjacent Dye Hotel and other nearby structures, worked seven hours before extinguishing it.

L. C. McCoy, a roomer, discovered the fire. He had been reading in his room. It was not until the roof had begun to fall that he made the discovery. All occupants of the house made their escape without injury after his warning. Rapid spread of the fire prevented any of them re-entering to retrieve belongings.

Other roomers were Mrs. Melba Harrison, Dennis Chamness, Miss Lucille Vaughn and Miss Mildred Dickerson. Mrs. Marshall was not at home at the time.

Smith, who had been in Arkansas on business, was unaware of the blaze until he returned at 10 p. m. Thursday. Deeds of trust, which had been recorded, and abstracts were among the papers in his office that were destroyed by fire.

Ends of letters in metal files in the office were charred by the fire but many of them remain legible.

MOVES TO TEMPORARY OFFICE

The real estate man is sharing an office temporarily with Attorney Eugene Munger over Taylor's Ice Cream, several doors west of his former location on East Malone.

Origin of the blaze was not determined but Fire Chief Milburn Arbaugh theorized that it started on the second floor interior in about the middle of the structure, apparently from a chimney flue.

Nothing was left but a hollow shell on the front and sides, most of the rear being burnt away, the interior a mass of charred debris.

Mrs. Slack built the structure in 1902 and for 10 or 11 years operated it as a hotel, the Slack House. Since that time she has rented it to persons, who operated it as a rooming house. Mrs. Marshall had been renting rooms there five years.

In a walk through the ruins Mrs. Marshall found her charred pocketbook and two $5 bills, which had ben scorched but not entirely burned away.

Pick Up in Job Activity

Activity is picking up at the district Employment Service headquarters here.

Twenty additional carpenters were referred to the Fort Leonard Wood construction job at Rolla Thursday and 30 Friday, Manager G. B. Pearson reported. Fifteen carpenters were sent from each of the sub-offices at Caruthersville and Kennett.

Paul J. Trotter, in charge of farm placement activities, reported orders for ten families for general agricultural work in Southeast Missouri and Illinois.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sexton entertained at their home on Matthews Avenue Sunday with a birthday dinner in honor of Mrs. Sexton's Mother, Mrs. E. H. Smith. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughters, Misses Vernetta and Shirley Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Oda Masters and daughter, Sherrill Ann, Mrs. R. S. Coleman and son, Harold, and Jimmie Sexton.

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Wise Land Use Urged

Delta.—Farmers can "kill two birds with one stone" by establishing "wise land use" practices on land adjacent to drainage ditches, Guy B. Faskon, superintendent of of the Soil Conservation Service CCC Camp, said today. At present soil and moisture conservation work will be started on lands draining into the main ditch of Cape Girardeau County District No. 1.

By liming their soils, establishing soil-building legume rotations, cultivating sloping land on the contour level, and preserving permanent grass cover on land within legal drainage district right-of-way, farmers in drained areas will not only maintain the fertility of their soil but also prevent excessive siltation of drainage ditches, Fasken said.

Use of good rotations, increasing the organic matter in the soil, keeps the arth "open and porous, in good condition to receive rain", it was explained. Less water runs off the land, carrying soil with it.

"The amount of erosion which takes even on land that appears perfectly flat to the unaided eye is astounding", the superintenednt asserted. "Heavy rains falling on open cultivated land with slopes no greater than 1 per cent often cost the farmer a considerable amount of soil per acre, thus decreasing the value of the farm land and increasing the maintenance cost on the legal ditch".

Pile into drainage ditches, clogging them and necessitating dredging operation, eroded soil imposes an "additional cost" on landowners, he pointed out.

The practice of plowing land up to the edge of a ditch greatly increases the silting problem in the local drainage districts, according to the superintendent.

"Experience has shown that where a grass buffer strip has been maintained along a ditch, the amount of silt washing into the legal ditch has been decreased," he said.

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Hardware Session Opens

St. Louis. — Everything from seeds to sickles will be on display at the forty-third annual Convention of the Missouri Retail Hardward Association to be held in St. Louis, Tuesday through Thursday, at the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium. Approximately 10,000 different items will be exhibited by the 110 exhibitors (manufacturers and jobbers) who have reserved space at the convention, according to Louis C. Kreh, Secretary of the Association.

Advance registration, Kreh said, indicates an attendance of more than 2,000 retail hardware dealers of Missouri and Illinois. This compares to an attedance of well over 1600 at last year's convention.

"The importance of the retail hardware dealer to the community which he serves," said Kreh, "is graphically illustrated by a glance at the hundreds of items which will be exhibited and which are stocked by the average hardware store in the small city as well as the metropolitan center. Wire, fence, guns, ammunition, lamps and stoves, gloves, nails and paint —these are but a few of the items which are regularly stocked by the small city hardware store.

The general public is invited to attend this Convention and to view this array of hardware and kindred items. They will obtain their free tickets from local hardware dealers.

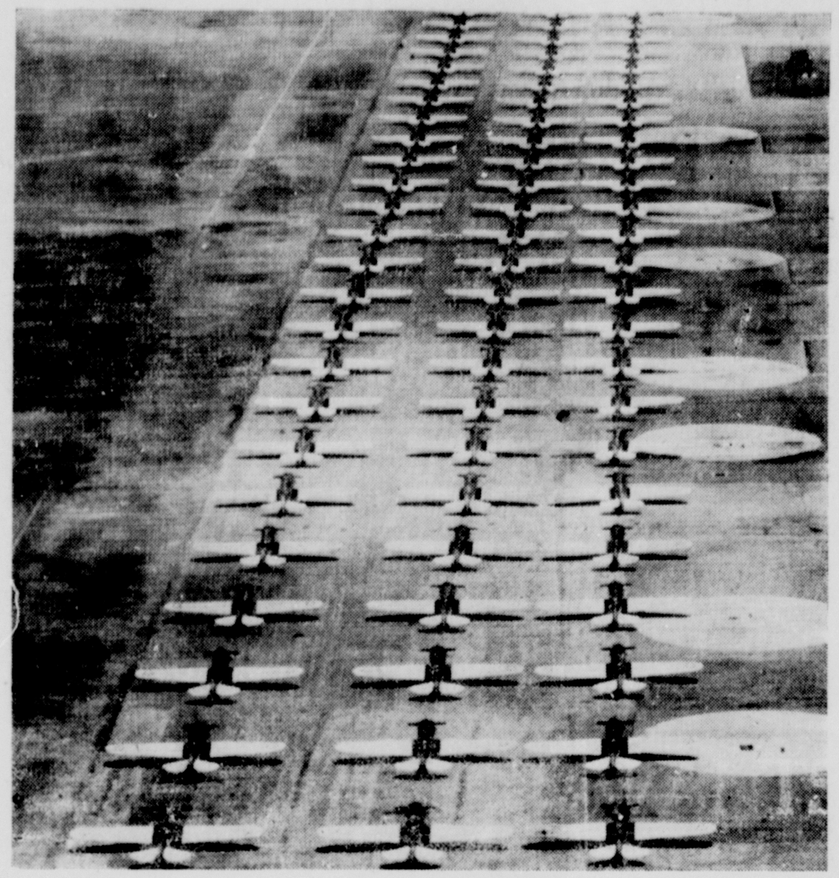
Oral Exams Finished

Jefferson City.—Oral examinations for approximately 2,000 applicants for positions in the State Social Security Commission and the Unemployment Compensation Commission have just been completed, William H. Bartley of St. Louis, Chairman of the Merit System Council, announced today. These oral tests constitute the final phase of the merit examination program instituted in the State Social Security Commission last year. The Unemployment Compensation Commission has been selecting its employes by means of merit examinations since January, 1938.

Only those persons successfully passing the written tests given in December were admitted to the oral examinations. The written tests were given for the purpose of testing the technical knowledge of the applicants while the oral interviews are designed to evaluate traits, appearance and physical fitness for the position. The oral examinations were conducted by examing boards of leading citizens in various areas of the State.

These oral tests virtually complete the merit examination program as it applies to the Social Security Commission. Eligible lists of all persons successfully passing the entire examination will be established for practically all classes of positions in the Commission within the next two or three weeks. Subsequently, all vacancies in that agency, as well as in the Unemployment Compensation Commission, will be filled from these lists and those established as a result of earlier examinations.

WINGS OF THE ARMY GROW STRONGER



With the eyes of the nation turned skyward, this lineup of some of the trainers of the Flying Cadet Corps at Randolph Field, Texas, "West Point of the Air," is both impressive and reassuring. It is in these 450 horse-power low wing monoplanes, closely patterned on the modern day fighter, that 12,000 military pilots will receive their basic training this year. In 30 short weeks these young college men will have completed their training and exchanged their Flying Cadet 'blues' for the uniforms of Lieutenants of the Army Air Corps. Silver "Wings," emblematic of the military pilot will adorn their chests. Then they will take their places alongside the veteran pilots of the G. H. Q. Air Force, Uncle Sam's "Airmada," the nation's new first line of defense.

Fire Sweeps Morley Church

Morley — The Methodist church was damaged by fire, discovered at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday when the west side of the frame structure was observed to be in flames.

A metal roof probably saved the church from destruction. The Rev. H. M. Andrews hopes that repairs can be made immediately.

A house occupied by Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Malinda Nations was destroyed by fire at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday. The contents were saved from the dwelling, owned by J. R. Lee.

Furlough, army term for leave of absence, comes from the Dutch "ver lof", which means "for leave."

Spelling Bee Held by Club

The Woman's Civic Club met at the Library Tuesday afternoon for a regular business session and program. Mrs. E. A. Belden, program leader, conducted a spelling bee and quiz, in which Mrs. Lynn Caruthers won first, with Mrs. Kendall Sikes, second in the spelling bee.

The guest speaker at the next meeting of the club will be Dr. Emmett Hoctor of the State Hospital at Farmington, who will talk on "The Emotional Needs and Problems of Children". Members of the P.-T. A. Senior Woman's Club and Pre-school Group will be invited to the meeting.

GLEANERS CLASS TO MEET

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Ruth Malone Monday at 7:30 p. m. Circle No. 4 will entertain with a George Washington party.

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Canalou Troop Is Installed

Troop 59 was installed at Canalou Wednesday night by troop 42 of Sikeston.

Ben Caldwell is Scoutmaster of the new troop and Neal Aslin, chairman of the troop committee.

Essex Farmer Death Victim

John W. Vinson, 67, Essex farmer, died Thursday morning at his home. A brother, Eli Vinson, Poplar Bluff, survives.

Funeral services were held at the Pentecostal church at Essex Friday with the Rev. R. Reed officiating. Burial was in an Essex cemetery with Ellise service.

During September the nation's airlines flew approximately 9,000,000 revenue miles and carried approximately 250,000 revenue passengers without an unusual accident.



Langtry, Texas:

A self-appointed Judge ruled over 33,000 square miles of western Texas back in the eighteen nineties. That's the size of Maine, Indiana, or half the state of Washington.

He lived in a town he named after a woman he never saw.

His peculiar brand of justice included fining a dead Mexican laborer $40.00 found in one pocket for carrying a pistol found in another.

Known as the "Law west of the Pecos," this husky, bearded, "Judge" Roy Bean maintained order for twenty years, backed by a pair of shooting-irons and a worn copy of the "Texas' Revised Statutes of 1876."

His justice may have been harsh, and certainly profitable to himself, but he filled a position very necessary at the time. His domain of rolling plains and flat-topped mesas, lying between the Pecos and Rio Grande Rivers, was far from organized law of either State or Union.

He never saw Lillian Langtry, but captivated by a picture of the famous actress, he named his small cattle-town after her. His saloon he called by her nickname, "The Jersey Lily."

After many vain attempts to strike up a correspondence with Lily he finally succeeded by telling her how he'd honored her name. She promptly offered to donate a drinking-fountain to the town's public square. The judge declined with thanks, saying they didn't drink much water locally. Besides, that public square was dominated by the tree and chains he used for a jail.

Lily passed through the town in 1905, three years after the old pioneer's death. She was given a rousing ovation, a pair of mules and many other tokens of esteem. In return she gave the local school-house $100.00. If the Judge had still been on the job he probably would have fined the school half the money merely from habit. It was second nature with the old boy.

One case proving his ingenuity was that of a lad sentenced to hang. The boy wrote his mother, stating that he was to be executed and was sending his savings of $400.00. The Judge intercepted the letter, altered the sentence to a fine of $300.00 of the $400.00 he hadn't known about until then and sent the boy on his way.

Dispensing beer and justice alike from his small saloon, he held court on its front porch, recessing frequently to don an apron and refresh the spectators at a dollar a bottle. His customers' elbows and glasses wore down the front of his twelve-foot bar a full inch. It stands there today, untended in the weathered, cracking saloon.

Langtry's practically deserted now, having been missed by the railroad and highway, yet an average of a hundred tourists a day detour the necessary nine miles to see the famous "Jersey Lily," restored a year ago by the highway commission.

It's now under the care of the kindly, bearded westerner, Mr. Willie Wise, who's often mistaken for the old "Judge" by badly informed visitors.

Slow death came to his settlement of the Old West but the name of its hardy founder will never die.

Trailer Vagabond is furnished The Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard through the courtesy of Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co.

100 a Day Perish in Auto Mishaps

Hartford, Conn., — No single catastrophe in the United States last year approached the daily average of almost 100 lives lost in automobile accidents, according to a new booklet entitled "Here Today—" just issued by The Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet is the eleventh in a series issued annually and presents a comprehensive analysis of the facts about accidents in which 35,000 persons were killed and more than 1,300,000 others were injured in 1940.

Automobile accidents on an average day last year took twice the number of lives lost in the Kenvil, N. J., powder blast, three times the toll of the Georgia-South Carolina hurricane, and four times that of the Little Falls train wreck or the Lovetsville airplane crash, the report says. The number injured in traffic on an average day exceeded the total casualties of the six major disasters of 1940 combined.

"If fatalities make news," the booklet points out, "then the nation's traffic death toll is the banner headline story 365 days of every year."

The title "Here Today—" naturally suggests that it will be "gone tomorrow" for those who continue to flout the traffic laws and the rules of safety in 1941. Then the familiar saying is changed to a new life-saving slogan: "Care Today—Here Tomorrow."

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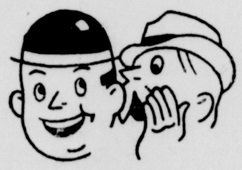
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They slip into parking places smoothly as a rowboat nestles up to a dock—and the way they flit through traffic is a delight to wheel-weary drivers.

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Late in the nineteenth century and early 1900s, St. Louis, the commercial metropolis of the central Mississippi valley, was the witness of and background for unusual impetus toward the promotion of transportation facilities over the Mississippi. The St. Louis Merchants' bridge, opened for traffic in 1890, was the second of seven bridges built to span the Mississippi between St. Louis and Alton, Illinois. The Eads bridge, three miles to the south, had been opened formally July 4, 1874, as the first bridge across the river below the mouth of the Missouri. In time, one historian was led to conjecture that within this 25-mile distance "there were more bridges over a major navigable stream that any place else in the world."

The Merchants' bridge, built under the auspices of the Merchants Exchange of St. Louis for railroads only, is notable for its heavy tonnage and as a route for many famous passenger trains of leading railroads. The plan for building the bridge was inaugurated under the laws of the state of Illinois. An act of Congress, approved February 3, 1887, fifty-four years ago this week, and amended by an act approved September 10, 1888, authorized the construction of the bridge. Early in February 1887, one week after the first measure of approval by the government, engineers and surveyors were engaged in locating a site for the bridge.

A contract for the three main spans and 425 feet of steel approach on each side was let to the Union bridge company of New York which followed in detail the plans recommended by the engineers. On March 26, 1890, the exchange announced that the bridge was complete. The entire cost was given as $2,000,000.

The Merchants' bridge was built even better than the act of Congress in 1887 provided for or contemplated. The two main river piers, each 12 feet thick and 48 feet long, were raised so that the clear height in the center of the central span was 52 feet above the high water mark, instead of the "50" feet required by the act, and also the height at the end of the shore spans was about 4 inches less than that provided for—each change an improvement from the navigation standpoint.

It can be said that the immense strength of the Merchants' bridge devolves from the eclectic tendencies of its builders. The dimension stone was laid in Portland cement mortar and the backing in Louisville cement. All the piers were of Bedford, Indiana, limestone, to within three feet of the low water mark, of Missouri granite from there to the high water mark, and of Bedford limestone from there to the top.

Three spans bridge the river channel, all of steel and with a total length of 1,566.5 feet. These carry a double railroad track and will support a moving load of three tons to the linear foot, with extra provision for local strain. The entire structure, from the foot of the grade on the west, is practically two miles long.

Although the Merchants' bridge is not comparable to the Eads bridge as an engineering accomplishment, its center span is about 11 feet longer than the longest span in the famous Eads structure and in total length it is 733 feet longer.

By April, 1891, the bridge had connections with all railroads entering East St. Louis. The freight yard facilities in St. Louis, provided for in connection with the bridge, made possible the loading and unloading of 350 cars daily. The demand for even greater shipping facilities led the St. Louis Merchants' Bridge terminal railroad company, an auxiliary of the bridge company, to make the expansion of the terminal facilities its chief work for 1891-1892.

The official report on the Merchants' bridge, unlike that for the Eads bridge, which named James B. Eads and his associates, Henry Flad and Charles Pfeiffer, for meritorious service, does not emphasize the work of a single engineer engaged in the building of this noted bridge.

The United States imports 2,000,000,000 pounds of coffee from Latin America every year.

TRAVELOG



Jackson Square in romantic New Orleans, the city of ideal winter vacations and the scene of the Mardi Gras carnival celebrated this year on February 25 . . .

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

R. A. HARPER, Superintendent

WHAT ABOUT OUR HOOKY PLAYERS?

All school activities have a definite place on the school calendar. In the fall, softball and football occupy the spotlight. Then comes basketball and debate. As the first signs of spring appear, we get ready for track. Kites are among these harbingers of spring along with playing marbles. When teachers forbid playing marbles, for keeps, the game is called funnies—play for fun but keep all you get.

Also, with the first signs of spring comes an increase in absences. Spring fever seems to get the best of some students, and school becomes too burdensome. At the end of the quarter some parents can't understand why their boy or girl has been out of school so much.

Of course, every teacher in the entire school is concerned about the regular attendance at school. However, we believe it is the duty of every parent to see to it that their children come to school. Teachers are not employed to go out on the streets and haul youngsters to school. Our school nurse is designated as attendance officer. We believe it is more important to find out why youngsters are out of school and administer to their needs than to run them down on the streets.

There are certain pupils in our schools—both grades and high—whose names appear regularly on the absentee lists. Invariably these same pupils make inferior and below average grades. Furthermore, the honor and proficient rolls are made up of students whose names seldom appear on the absentee list. Barring those that have genuine excuses for being absent, over eighty per cent of the chronic absentees are inferior students. Also, those students who do consistent home study are usually on the honor or proficient rolls.

The percentage of attendance throughout our school system is satisfactory when compared with other schools. Yet we feel that it should be better. The large majority of parents cooperate with the schools to the fullest extent. Our schools are operated for the good of all. All wealth is taxable for school purposes for the benefit of all the children of all the people.

Parks Talks To Employes

President Oliver Parks of St. Louis addressed 109 of the 114 employes of the Missouri Institute of Aeronautics here at a banquet meeting held at the Dunn Hotel Tuesday night.

C. OF C. COMMITTEE NOMINATES

The nominations committee of the Chamber of Commerce named a slate of officers to serve the organization during the coming year at a session held at the Palace Cafe at noon today. Selections were not disclosed pending presentation to a meeting of the organization which will be called in the next two weeks. Dr. Howard A. Dunaway is chairman of the committee.

TANK CATCHES FIRE

An oil tank outside of the North End Grocery on Hunter street caught fire at 12:30 p. m. Thursday, scorching the side of a wall. The blaze was put out by firemen.

Modern Pied Piper Here

Carrying live rats in a wire trap which he made, L. Sandifer of Beaumont, Tex., came to Sikeston Thursday night to sell his trap and exterminate rats.

A former boiler maker at Port Arthur, Tex., Sandifer has been in the rat trap business eight years and has sold his wares in 38 states.

FARM LEADERS SPEAKS

County Agent Leon M. Lane, Home Demonstration Agent Ella Fikuart and Alva F. Vaughn, manager of the Farm Bureau Service Company, Benton, addressed a Farm Bureau meeting held at the Miner school Thursday night. Moving pictures were shown and there was group singing.

London stores which specialize in air raid precaution equipment are marketing a transparent paint that prevents window glass from shattering.

Gas Blast Kills Youth

East Prairie. — Burned from head to foot when gasoline he was pouring into the tank of a tractor exploded late Wednesday, Samuel Lane, 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lane, who live 10 miles south of here, died at 9:30 a. m. today at St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Ill.

The flames were extinguished by Thurston Drummond, an oil truck driver from East Prairie, who happened by at the moment of the explosion. Using a small fire extinguished carried in the truck, he put out the boy's blazing clothing.

The youth had gone to the home of his brother-in-law, Eugene Bell, on Shell Island in the southern part of Mississippi County to assist in moving the tractor to the home of Manuel Bell, father of Eugene. In preparation for the move, Lane started to pour the gasoline in the tank.

It was reported but not established that he was smoking at the time, the fumes from the gasoline catching fire, causing the explosion which tossed the blazing liquid over Lane and the tractor. The boy's clothing, bystanders reported, was immediately a mass of flames. With the aid of the fire extinguished, they were able to beat out the fire.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIME

Things even up. Soldiers rob the conquered; and where a camp is established, the natives rob the soldiers.

No wonder our grandparents lived longer than moderns. The way infants were treated in their time, only the tough ones survived.

A hick town is a place where the timid conceal their new prosperity to avoid the enmity of envious neighbors.

We've often wondered what this world was coming to, and it looks now as if we shall soon find out if we can manage to hang on to it a little while longer.

The Nazis keep saying gold is no longer worth anything as a medium of exchange. That's a pretty big bunch of sour grapes Uncle Sam has buried in Kentucky.

Well, anyway, about 8 per cent of the people in this country are highly intelligent. When asked by public opinion pollers what should be done about various national and international problems, they reply that they don't know.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

The wife of one of the carpenters working on our building opened a letter from her son at college.

"Land sakes!" she exclaimed. "John writes that he threw the hammer 200 feet."

"Gawd!" said her husband, feelingly. "He must have hit his thumb a hell of a whack!"

An old negro preacher was known by the white folks to have a weakness for Cherry Brandy, and one of them offered him a bottle if he would acknowledge it completely in the next issue of the church magazine.

The offer was accepted and contained the following item: "The minister thanks Mr. Jones for his gift of fruit and for the spirit in which it was given."

Mrs. Neraby — My ancestry dates back to before the days of Charlemagne. How old is your family?

Mrs. Chubbwitt—I really can't say. You see, all our family records were lost in the flood.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Nautically, "to salt" means to put salt between planks of a ship for the preservation of the timber.



FIRST APPROVAL ON FEDERAL-AID SUPPLEMENTARY HIGHWAY SYSTEM

The Missouri State Highway Department has received approval of an initial federal-aid secondary highway system composed of 8200 miles, C. W. Brown, Chief Engineer, announced this week.

While federal aid secondary money has been allotted the state since July 1, 1937 on a project basis, this is the first approval received on a secondary system.

"The approval of the initial supplementary system will be of much value to the highway department in securing early approval of construction projects on the feeder system," Mr. Brown said.

Since July 1, 1937, the allotment of federal secondary funds for Misouri has totaled $2,945,238, including the 1942 allotment. Of this amount $519,261 will be available July 1, 1941 for commitment. This will be an increase of $71,812 over the previous year's allotment.

Secondary or feeder roads, it is explained, are roads which are not included in the federal-aid highway system and include farm-to-market roads, mine-to-market roads, rural free delivery mail roads, public school bus routes, and other roads of community value which connect with important highways or which extend reasonable adequate highway service from such highways, or which lead to rail or water shipping points or local settlements.

This federal aid secondary system cannot exceed ten per cent of the total road mileage within the state and is in addition to the seven per cent composing the federal-aid system.

Data supplied by the state-wide highway planning survey was used by the department in selecting the initial mileage.

Under the present law no specified amount of funds is required to be set aside for the supplementary system; however, when the commisison does allot funds for the building of supplementary roads, such funds must be expended in the counties in proportion to their area and population, excluding the area and population of St. Louis and Kansas City, it was explained.

There has been a total of $44,012,979 State and federal money spent or committed to date on the supplementary highways now constituting a part of the state system. Included in this amount are $2,242,488 in unallotted federal grants and $357,389 in special grants. All construction work represented by these expenditures was under the supervision of the highway department.

An Authorization and Amendment of June 16, 1936, to the Federal-aid Highway Act approved July 11, 1916, authorized the allocation of Federal funds to assist in the building of these roads.

Supplementary roads on the state system now total 7514 miles, 98 per cent of which has an all-weather surface.

State highway maintenance patrolmen on gravel roads have taken advantage of open weather and moisture to reshape and crown gravel sections which are now in excellent travel condition. Lack of severe freezing weather thus far this winter has caused few heaves in road surfaces, reducing repair work to a minimum, it is said.

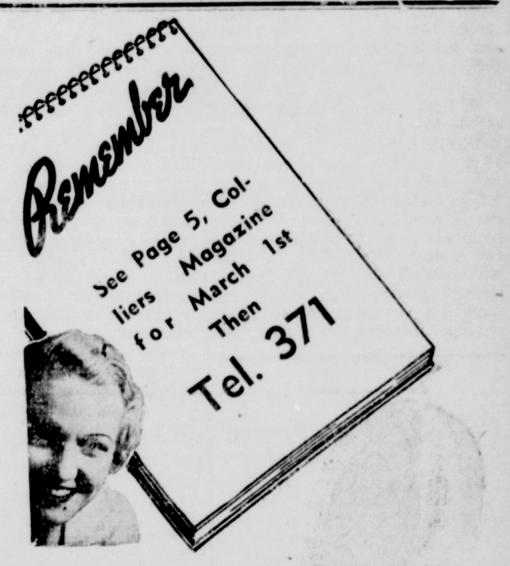
Special signs have been erected on U. S. Route 66 in the vicinity of Fort Leonard Wood, due to congestion of traffic near the new army training camp.

Victim of Tornado Dies

Charleston. — A tornado which swept through Mississippi County about a year ago, Thursday claimed a victim.

Little Elsa Mae Johnson, who was 2 months old when the storm overturned a house trailer, died of burns received in the fire which followed. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, also severely burned, have recovered.

In the interest of increased safety while driving, it is recommended that the driver hold the rim of the steering wheel, not the spokes.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALDERMAN, WARD ONE

We are authorized to announce Joseph L. Matthews as a candidate for Alderman from Ward One, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

ALDERMAN, WARD FOUR

We are authorized to announce E. H. Smith as a candidate for Alderman from Ward Four, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

ALDERMAN, WARD THREE

We are authorized to announce S. L. Lawrence as a candidate for Alderman from Ward Three, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

Maple trees in bloom, jonquils almost ready to open, tulips coming through the ground, mourning doves billing and cooing makes one think Spring is just around the corner. Then it snowed.

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A man visited The Standard office Monday morning and was not very happy over a story carried in the last issue of the paper in regard to a cutting affair near Kluge's Hill. He ordered his paper discontinued after his subscription expired, but as he was not a subscriber to The Standard we couldn't stop it. It seems strange that parents should get mad at a newspaper for publishing such scrapes, but they do. We sympathize with parents when their son or daughter get in print, but have to print the news without fear or favor.

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Washington's Birthday was just about like any other day in Sikeston, the morning opened up cloudy with a slight touch of snow showing. Later in the day the sun came out and shown brightly. A few flags were in evidence, the Postoffice and Bank were closed for the day. George was an aristocrat and in his day and time was the wealthiest man in the Nation, was a large land owner and interested in every phase of agriculture. Sent abroad for improved seed and believed in fertilizing his fields. From Valley Forge he wrote his farm manager to see that one herring fish was planted in each hill of corn. He brought to this country the first Jackass ever imported. The Jack came from Spain. From what we hear of Washington in Washington and Virginia he had his weaknesses as have other men in these days and times. With all he was "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," so says an inscription on a statute in the Capitol grounds at Washington.

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Here's terrible news for radio fans: Old Doc Brinkley has gone into bankruptcy. It always was a relief to turn the dial from such programs as the beer, cigarette and cornplaster companies put on to the station at Del Rio, Texas, where Doc Brinkley was discoursing on pleasant things like prostate glands and the possibilities of Billy Goat parts. He will be missed.—Paris Appeal.

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At Harrisonville the good editor, Edgar Idol, writes an excellent column of editorials which he places on the next to the last page of his fine newspaper. We have often wondered why he passed up the earlier pages and can't decide whether it is modesty or a belief that his readers will absorb everything that come before in an effort to find those punchy paragraphs. Now we use the second page of this newspaper for our editorials, hoping that our readers will get them read before wearing themselves out on other printed matter. Our Uncle Charley at Sikeston takes no chances on his paragraphs being passed over, putting them on the front page. However, it would be a service to his advertisers if he would attempt to hide them inasmuch as his readers would likely look for the "Polecat Column" before reading anything else.—Shelbina Democrat.

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I. A. Myers, of The Standard office, had a birthday Sunday and in honor of the occasion Mrs. Myers prepared an extra spread and invited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bumbarger to join them. Mr. Bumbarger and Mr. and Mrs. Myers are from the same city, Memphis, in Northeast Missouri. In the afternoon both couples drove to Paducah, Ky., to fill out the day. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

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It will probably be several weeks before Governor Donnell will begin to make changes in the principal office to which the Governor has the appointed powers, or until the contest is begun and settled as to which one of the claimants to the governorship has the right and power to cut and divide the political pies.

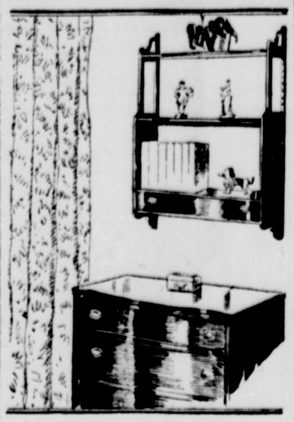
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Mrs. Bess Elder returned home Sunday morning from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she visited with her daughter, Catherine Ann Cook, a pupil in the Cincinnati Conservatory. She reports Catherine was doing fine and was mightly glad to receive this visit from her mother.

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WHAT NEXT?

From THE MERCHANDISE MART



Designed as companion pieces, the chest and wall shelf pictured here may be spaced to effect balance in a room of awkward wall height. The shelves and drawer of the top unit accommodate books and knick-knacks. The chest has a double function too as the top drawer opens into a desk. Similar in design and with matching drawer pulls, the two units complement each other when spaced within reasonable distance.

Cars Collide At Intersection

An Oldsmobile sedan driven by Roy V. Ellise and a Ford coach driven by Mrs. Roy Chaney collided at the intersection of highways 60 and 61 east of the city at 8:15 a. m. Monday morning.

The Ford, being driven south on 61, came to a stop at the intersection and the Ellise car, being driven east on 60 on the railroad right-of-way adjacent to the Simpson Oil Company station. No one was injured. Fenders on the cars were dented. Officer Grover Lewis investigated.

Crowe and Sons Change Location

V. T. Crowe and Sons have moved their plant from Highway 61 to a building on the southeast corner of Center and Scott streets where they will offer garage service and a large selection of used cars.

Snow Flurries And Sleet Here

Snow flurries and sleet enlivened Sikeston's weekend weather picture.

Early Saturday morning a trace of snow and sleet was reported. A few snow flakes fell Monday morning as cool weather continued to hold sway with overcast skies.

The maximum and minimum readings recorded by Harry Young, weather observer, Friday through Monday were 33-20, 42-26, 40-19 and 45-29 respectively.

Two Fined After Fight

Ted Noles and Gene Jines were fined $25.85 each when they appeared before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell Monday on a charge of disturbing the peace.

The men arrested by Constable Walter Hughes on the complaint of Alf Carr, operator of the Top Hat tavern northeast of Sikeston. He charged that the two disturbed the peace at the tavern Saturday night by using loud, profane language and fighting.

Witnesses testified that Noles cut Jines across the left jaw with a knife in the altercation, the wound requiring four stitches to close.

Modernization Seen as Means Of Checking Health Menace

Modernization of older homes as a means of improving safety and health of the occupants has been urged by many persons prominent in the construction industry.

Many dwellings built before enactment of the National Housing Act, and before its influence on property and location standards became felt, provided housing conditions which are thought to have contributed to ill health.

Through improper location on wet and imperfectly drained land, some homes are damp, especially in the lower stories. On the other hand, where buildings are placed in a highly exposed position proper heating in Winter may be impossible.

MANY ARE FIRE HAZARDS

Many homes built before FHA's construction standards became common subject the occupants to continuous fire hazard.

Through defective structure or lack of repair there may be an ever-present danger from accident. Winding stairs take their annual toll in broken limbs, while rotten floors and insecure railings are high in the list of accident causes.

Defective orientation may mean that occupants of buildings are being deprived of sunshine and even an adequate light.

PLUMBING AFFECTS HEALTH

Inadequate plumbing or undesirable or defective fixtures may mean reduced cleanliness and increased opportunity for transmission of diseases.

Windowless rooms, rooms on narrow closed court, or even rooms having only one window means at least discomfort from hot, humid, stale air and probably reduced resistence to disease.

Practically all of these ills may be corrected through modernization. Funds may be obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration for improvement of older dwelling. With proper attention to planning, most older structures can be made structurally safe, and every room can be well lighted, well ventilated, and equipped for comfort and convenience.

Co-op Seeks $20,000 for New Quarters

The Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Cooperative Association soon will be headquartered in a new office building.

Superintendent H. M. Zaricor obtained assurances from Rural Electrification Administration officials in Washington on a recent trip that the structure will be constructed.

National Administrator Harry Slattery already has approved a $14,000 allotment for the project although the moneys have not been released but Zaricor has a request before the REA chief that this amount be raised to $20,000.

Zaricor said that he was anxious that the structure be sufficiently large to accommodate future as well as present needs of the cooperative.

PLANS BEFORE MEETING

He hopes to be able to give definite and approved construction plans to a meeting of the cooperative's directors March 3. An estimate of the cost of construction from an REA architect's preliminary plans indicates that the new structure, single story of brick, concrete and glass, could not be constructed for $14,000, Zaricor explained.

Under present plans, the building would be the largest ever built by REA, Zaricor said. Office rooms, a garage and warehouse and possibly an enlarged substation is included in the plans.

The first office of the cooperative was in the board room of the city hall. Since May 3, 1938 the cooperative has been headquartered at 515 Greer in a building owned by E. R. Putnam.

Zaricor reported that through an arrangement with the Chamber of Commerce a lot had been sold to the cooperative for a price of $1.

He explained that he had taken up the matter with the organization and that Secretary H. L. Harty, Ed Coleman, J. F. Cox, Sr., and Charles D. Matthews III had been instrumental in obtaining the lot, on highway 60 east of Sikeston between the Boyce Implement Company plant and the WPA warehouse. The lot formerly was the property of the Matthews Estate.

CLAUSE IN TRANSACTION

A clause in the transaction requires that if the lot ever is used for other than cooperative purposes the full purchase price will be charged.

As a result of his Washington trip, Zaricor expressed the hope also that 75 spur lines could be constructed soon in Scott, Mississipp, New Madrid, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau counties.

He reported progress on the current 260-mile expansion of lines and said that he would release 40 additional miles on the project Monday night.

The cooperative has wired seven Farm Security Administration group homes at Wyatt (2), East Prairie, Gray Ridge, Morehouse and Lilbourn (2).

Tavern Heads Arrested

Alf Carr, operator, and Charley Baker, manager of the Top Hat tavern north of Sikeston, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hartzell Kimes of New Madrid county Friday morning and charged with disturbing the peace and carrying pistols.

Carr was released on $1,000 bond and Baker was reported detained at the county jail in New Madrid Saturday morning.

Sheriff Albert Ramsberg reported that Kimes had been asked to accompany the men to the home of a 17-year-old girl who lived east of Matthews. The girl had been in the employe of the Top Hat and Carr was reported seeking her return.

Ramsberg said that after the deputy went to the home he discovered that Carr had a pistol on him in making two previous trips to the house and that a gun was found on Baker.

Questions and Answers

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Q. What should we consider in planning the location of a terrace for our house?

A. The placing of the terrace will depend largely upon the orientation of the house. Terraces should be located so that they will be protected from the hot afternoon sun either by the house or nearby shade trees. They should have privacy, be easily accessible from the living rooms and, if outdoor dining is planned, be located not too far from the kitchen. Generally speaking, the garden side of the house is the most logical place for the terrace.

Tavern Man Accused

Charles N. Baker, manager of the Top Hat tavern northeast of Sikeston on highway 61, is being held at the county jail in Benton on a charge of assault. He was arrested by Constable Walter Hughes and faces preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace Brown Jewell Wednesday.

He was arrested on a complaint sworn out by Ethel Bruce who charged that Baker struck her with his fists and used loud, profane and threatening language at the tavern Thursday.

New Butcher At Grocery

Clyde Parmenter of Kennett, a butcher of 15 years experience, has been employed at the North End Grocery on Hunter street.

He takes the place of John Halter, who resigned.

CLASS TO MEET

The L. A. W. Class will meet this Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. David Lumsden, 113 Cresap, with Mrs. Claude Turner, assistant hostess. Mrs. S. E. Reed will give the devotional.

It is estimated that 500,000 motor cars and turcks were produced during October, 1940. That figure represents the largest single month's production since June, 1937, when 521,137 units were produced.

Approximately four out of every five pedestrians who are killed by automobiles die between the hours of 5 p. m. and 1 a. m.

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LOST — Female Fox Terrier, white and black, solid black head. Finder please notify J. W. Mathis or phone 9. (1t-47)

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FOR SALE—Electric range, excellent condition, $20. Phone 718. (1t-47)

FOR SALE—Baldwin Piano, good condition. Reasonable price. 121 N. Handy St. (1t-47)

FOR RENT—4-rooms and bath, downtown apartment. Completely refinished. Water and heat furnished. Phone 3911, Roland Malcolm. (tf-47)

FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms, 419 W. Gladys. (1t-47p)

FOR SALE—Small farm. Good 5 room house at Blodgett; barn and other buildings. Raymond Marshall, Charleston, Mo. (2t-47p)

FOR RENT — Large bedroom. Close in. 317 North St. (tf-45)

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WANTED—4 or 5 room house or unfurnished apartment. Call 1157 or 730. (2t-47p)

BOARD AND ROOM for men, combined or separately. 523 Matthews. (tf-37)

FOR RENT—Sleeping room, modern. Men only. Phone 241. 260 E. Gladys St. tf-36

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PAVE EAST GLADYS STREET FROM THE WEST LINE OF JOHNSON AVENUE (U. S. HIGHWAY 61) TO THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Sikeston, deems and declares it necessary to pave East Gladys Street from the west line of Johnson Avenue (U. S. Highway 61) to the West line of East Street, all constituting a continuous improvement.

SECTION 2. That said improvement shall be made by removing the present earth roadway, and placing therein a six inch layer of lip type concrete pavement. For a fuller and complete description of the work to be done hereunder, reference is hereby made to plans, specifications, and estimate of costs covering this work, adopted by the City Council by Ordinance Numbered 1541, and now on file with the City Hall.

SECTION 3. That the cost of said paving, and engineering expense shall be done at the expense of the owners of property deriving benefit therefrom, because in the opinion and judgment of the City Council, the general revenue fund of the City is not in a condition to warrant an expenditure therefrom to pay for said work, engineering or any part thereof; and said paving, and engineering shall be included in the estimate of the cost of the improvement, of said street and the whole cost levied as a special assessment or tax against the property deriving benefit from said improvement, and that tax bills shall be issued therefor.

SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to some weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Sikeston, a copy of this resolution, so that it may be published and appear consecutively in the two next weekly publications of said newspaper following the passage and adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 5. Any resident property owner or owners of land abutting that portion of the above street which is to be improved, shall have the right to file with the City Clerk his or their protest against such improvement within ten days after the last publication of this resolution.

Read the first, second and third times and passed and approved this 21st day of February, 1941.

Approved: G. W. H. Presnell
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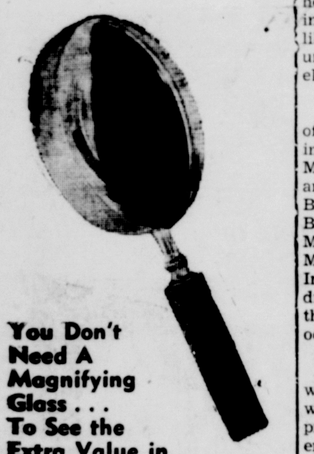
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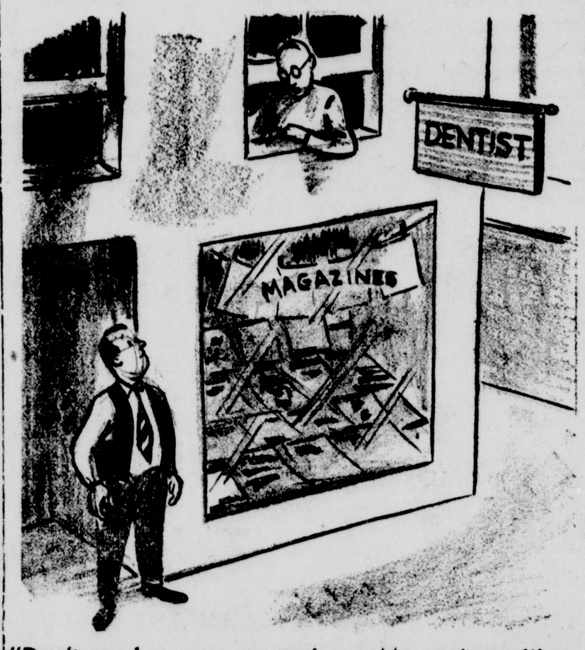
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GROWTH OF THE HIGHWAY INDUSORY IS REVIEWED

The motor car owner of Missouri has become a very prominent stockholder in one of the largest, and certainly the fastest growing, transportation systems on earth, C. W. Brown, Chief Engineer, Missouri State Highway, says in reviewing the development of this important industry.

In twenty-five years the highway systems of the several United States has grown from a few hundred miles to the astonishing total of about 477,000 miles. This figure does not include the streets of the many cities of the union and covers only the rural state highways which have, almost entirely, been constructed with funds provided by the American motor car owner—plus certain contributions by the federal government. Most of the federal contribution came from the same source—the motor car owner—but in a less direct way.

Nearly thirty-one million car owners are the financial supporters of this enormous highway mileage and analysis of the data shown in the annual report of the American Association of State Highway Officials for 1939 reveals the startling fact that there is one mile of state built and maintained rural highway for each 65 cars in the nation. To further break this down we can see that each car owner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of about 81 feet of road.

Missouri car owners—921,269 of them in 1940—have provided nearly 16,000 miles of the national total while the car owners of the average state have provided less than 10,000 miles. In Missouri each 57 cars support one mile of highway and each car owner about 92 feet.

This should give Missourians considerable pride and the following information should be particularly interesting:

In the average state the motor car owners paid in gas tax and registration fees during 1939 a little over $2600 per mile of highways while in Missouri the payment was a little more than $1400 per mile, and this despite the fact that the Misosuri Highway system is of a much higher average type than the national average.

HIGHWAY BOOSTERS TO HOLD 34TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri, the state's largest group of good roads boosters, will convene in St. Louis, February 26, 27 and 28, with convention headquarters at Hotel Statler.

The convention program will cover road subjects of interest to the county judge, road district commissioner, state and county highway engineers, township trustee, city engineer, road contractor and meterial man, all included in the membership of the organization.

Speakers of national importance in the highway industry will appear on the three-day program which will include discussions, motion pictures and exhibits on the importance of roads in national defense.

Hugh Stephens, a former member of the state highway commission, will address the convention Thursday morning, using as his theme "Drifting With An Obsolete State Highway Program".

The Thursday afternoon program will deal largely on national defense roads, and will include Hal. G. Sours, president, American Road Builders Association, of Columbus, Ohio, who will speak on "Road and Airports for Defense;" M. W. Watson, president of the National Association of General Contractors, Topeka, Kansas, on "Contracting Problems Under the Present Emergency", C. D. Franks of the Portland Cement Association, Chicago, on The Relation of Highways to National Defense", and H. K. Bishop, chief division of construction, Public Roads Administration, Washington, D. C., on "Highways for Defense."

The annual banquet, always a feature of the meeting, will be held at 6:30, Thursday evening at the Statler with Tom Collins, a Kansas City writer and lecturer, acting as toastmaster.

Officers of the association are Alex F. Sachs, Kansas City, president; Ray E. Parker, Carthage and L. W. Fitzpatrick, vice-presidents, and James J. Corbett, Jefferson City, secertary-treasurer.

ONE OF THE OLDEST GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Highway Engineers' Association of Missouri in St. Louis, February 26, 27, and 28, 1941, brings to the fore some interesting historical facts.

According to Carl W. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Missouri highway department, a former president of the organization and one of its moving spirits throughout the years, this is one of the oldest highway or good roads associations in the United States and has been identified with all progressive movements in highway matters in this state since 1908.

A historical sketch of the Highway Engineers' Association as outlined by Mr. Brown, follows:

"The Legislature in 1907 authorized the counties to appoint a highway engineer in each of the 114 counties of the state. The Legislature in 1907 authorized the appointment, by the Board of Agriculture, of a State Highway Engineer. Curtis Hill was the man appointed and he served from 1907 until 1913, when the law was changed, taking the appointment away from the Board of Agriculture and placing it in the hands of the Governor.

"As a result of this statewide recognition of highway importance, the Highway Engineers' Association was organized in 1908; this association was composed of the county highway engineers and surveyors of the various counties. This organization functioned strictly as a highway engineers' association until the passage of the Hawes Law, when it was expanded to take in members of the State Highway Department, which had been authorized by the Legislature in 1917.

"Two years later due to the statewide interest in highway matters and the repeal of the highway engineers' law in many of the counties, the organization was further expanded to include county courts, special road districts, county commissioners, city engineers, contractors, material men, and in fact any individuals who have connection with highway work, and it has functioned as a good roads organization since that time.

"This is one of the oldest highway or good roads associations in the United States and has been identified with all progressive movements in highway matters in this state. It was through this association that the first traffic survey was undertaken and completed; this survey was the forerunner of the present traffic survey authorized in this and other states."

In the early days of the association, the annual meetings were held at different cities in this state. In the last fifteen years, the meetings have been held alternately in Kansas City and St. Louis.

GOOD PROPORTION KEY TO APPEAL

The appearance of a room may often be improved through the simple means of improving proportions.

To make a room seem compact, good proportions must be emphasized. This may be done in a number of ways, and a number of different effects may be obtained. For example, low ceiling give the feeling of restfulness, while high ceilings tend toward formality and stiffness.

Many features which tend to destroy proportion in older homes may be corrected with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. Frequently decoration will give the desired effect.

These features decrease apparent height of the ceiling:

Ceiling not extremely light in color.

Direct lighting system.

Horizontal lines in furniture.

Straight-line molding in wall decorations.

Floor emphasized by use of large rug of heavy texture.

Features which increase apparent height of ceiling:

Ceiling very light in color.

Central lights to call attention to ceiling.

Vertical lines in furniture and window decorations.

No moldings in wall decorations.

Rug small, plain, and inconspicuous.

Features which decrease apparent size of room:

Dark colors.

Warm colors, red or yellow predominating.

Design in rugs, walls, upholstery, or draperies.

Strong contrasts in color, line, and design.

Heavy massive furniture.

Many decorations.

Features which increase apparent size of room:

Light colors.

Cool colors, blue or gray predominating.

Plainness instead of design.

Unity in color, line, and design.

Lightweight furniture in graceful lines.

Few decorations as possible.

POOR FLOORS MAR HOME BEAUTY

Shabby floors often prevent that spic-and-span appearance which most housewives desire in their homes. If the condition of the floor prevents satisfactory refinishing, a new floor is in order.

Laying new hardwood floors over the existing floor is an improvement which may be financed with funds obtained from private lending institutions approved by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

Before the new flooring is laid it is necessary to make sure that the existing floor is level and free from humps and that all loose boards are securely nailed down. Boards that cannot be planned or nailed down level should be replaced, and all rough edges should be sandpapered.

The molding strip at the bottom of the baseboard should be removed and a good quality building paper laid over the old floor. New flooring is applied at right angles to the old floor. A thin flooring will be satisfactory but not one that is less than three-eighths inch thick.

If new flooring has not been laid in all rooms, sloping saddles or thresholds will have to be placed at doorways to overcome the difference in floor levels and the doors refitted by cutting off at the bottom. After finishing, baseboard molding strips should be replaced.

Missouri Melange

"Displaying remarkable engineering ability," says Fred Bickel, Carrollton game commissioner, "beavers near this city have constructed two dams that would do credit to humans." The Carrollton Democrat, in reporting the story says Mr. Bickel refuses to disclose the location of the dams for fear curiosity seekers would drive the rodents from their homes, constructed in the banks of the dams.

An old rail fence, said by many to be the last one near a transcontinental highway has been torn down says the Monroe City News. The fense, portions of which was more than sixty years old, was located on the Henry Durst farm along U. S. Highway 36. "And thus is recorded the passing of this last direct link with pioneer days of this section of Northeast Missouri," concluded the News.

Work on Leeton's new school building has started reports the Warrensburg Star-Journal. The structure will be 132x102 feet, contain four class rooms and an auditorium, entirely modern and will cost approximately $30,000.

Grading, graveling and tubing five miles of city streets in Bosworth will commence February 28, reports the Sentinel. Plans have been approved by the WPA the township board and the city council.

An old historic landmark in Wayne county that figured in its early history and the state of Missouri will soon be nothing more than a memory. Construction of a new bridge across the St. Francis river near Greenville on U. S. Route 67, made necessary by improved water of Wappapello dam, will soon erase where once Mad Anthony Wayne and General Green, of Civil war days camped when they made forays in that portion of Missouri. A large spring was located on the hill where once stood a cabin which also played an important part in early Wayne county history. Army officers camped there and the first committee to arrange boundries between Lawrence and Wayne counties met on that spot.

Better save your straw hats instead of throwing them at baseball umpires, is the report given by manufacturers at this time who predict a shortage of straws for 1942. This advice is given now in face of continued war, with manufacturers pointing out that most of the materials used in the summer headgear are imported from foreign countries.

The Federal Communications Commission has granted a permit for a new standard broadcasting station at Hannibal to be owned by the Courier-Post Publishing Co. The new station will operate on 1,340 kilocycles, with power of 250 watts, and unlimited time permit.

A toy balloon filled with gas and released recently in Monroe county by Billy Griffith and Don Dierks has been found near Hillville, Ill., more than fifty miles away.

Oil is now flowing through the new pipe line recently laid by Stanolind Pipe Line Company from LaPlata to the Wood River refinery near St. Louis, reports the Clarence Independent-Courier. It took five days for the first oil to make the trip to the refinery.

Protestant ministers of Farmington have launched a membership drive in Farmington for now members, reports the News. It has been estimated by church workers that more than 20 per cent of the population attends worship services.

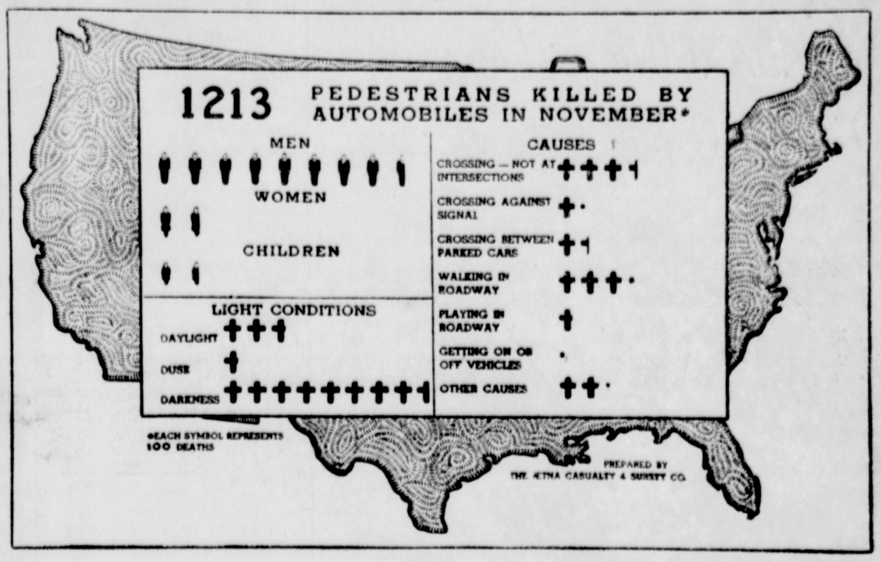
Construction of a new community building and gymnasium to cost $16,485.77 in Pocahontas, Cape Girardeau county, will be started as soon as weather conditions permit. The construction will be a WPA project.

Rabbit hunting, as outlined by the Edina Sentinel, reaches its peak during January and provides fun and profit for many Missouri youngsters. Each year it is estimated more than 150,000 live rabbits are shipped from Missouri to other states. In Missouri, farm boys under seventeen are not required to have a license to hunt or trap rabbits on their own farms.

Retail business in Johnson County, says the Warrensburg Star-Journal, for 1939 was valued at $4,139,000, according to a compilation by the Bureau of Census. During that year there were 315 stores located in the county, with 150 being credited to Warrensburg. Total retail sales in that city were $2,473,000.

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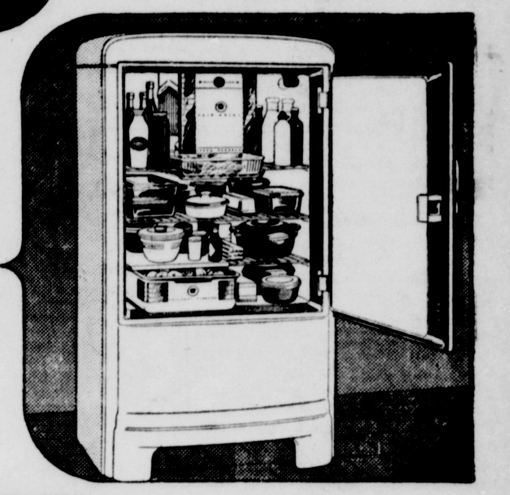


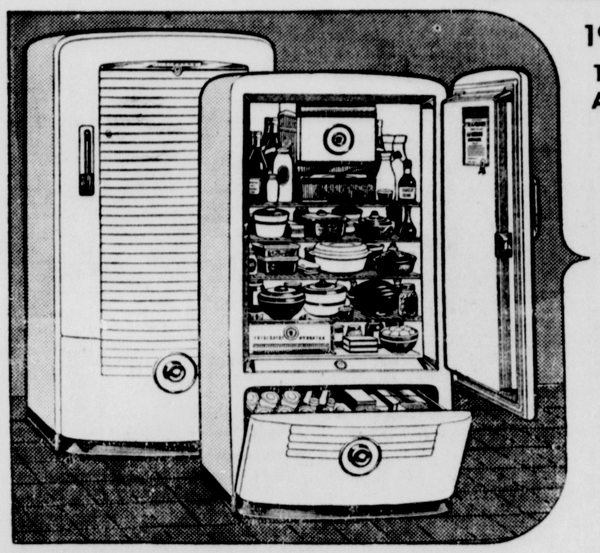
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Wallace Author Of Registration Measure

Rep. J. S. Wallace of Scott County has introduced a resolution in the Missouri house calling for submission to the voters of an amendment to the constitution which would permit registration of voters in Sikeston.

Specifically the resolution, requiring action by both legislative branches, calls for a vote on a proposed requirement that electors in counties of 18,000 and over and in all cities of 5,000 and over to register. A population of at least 10,000 is required for registration in a city now.

The measure is designed to eliminate non-resident and repeater votes prevalent in many counties and cities of the state.

Representative Wallace's resolution:

"Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

"That at the general election, to be held in this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the year 1942, or at a special election to be called by the Governor for that purpose, there shall be submitted to the qualfied voters of this state for adoption or rejection a proposition to repeal Section 5 of Article 8 of the Constitution of Missouri relating to registration of voters in certain cities and counties and to enact in lieu thereof a new section relating to the same subject matter, to be known as Section 5 and to read as follows:

"Section 5. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of voters in counties having a population of more than 18,000 and in cities having a population of more than 5,000, but not otherwise. The first General Assembly held after the adoption of this Constitutional Amendment shall pass laws necessary to enforce this provision and for such purposes may classify such counties and cities according to population but such shall be uniform as to each class."

Why success or failure may depend on your master eye. Scientists have found that if you're right-eyed and left-handed or vice versa, you're likely to have more trouble than people whose eyes and hands cooperate, but do not let it discourage you as pointed out in the illustrated feature in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

Private flying in the United States last year covered about 182,000,000 miles, more than twice as much as the 82,554,239 miles flown by the scheduled airlines.

Scott Sales Tax Collections Total $96,473

State Auditor Forrest Smith has released his yearly report on the collections and disbursement of Missouri's sales tax.

The cost was but 2.05 per cent of the gross amount collected, reported to be the lowest collection cost in the nation, tax rate considered. The sales tax produced more than half of the general revenue of the state, or, in other words, it produced 53.1 cents of every dollar credited to the General Revenue Fund.

The amount collected in Scott County was $96,472.72. The past year was a good business year and Auditor Smith made effort to collect any delinquent tax because of the great need for this revenue to care for the increasing number of those in need of old age assistance. As a result, in spite of lack of funds, the receipts for 1940 were $23,019,436.38

The benefits coming to this county from the sales tax were as follows:

For Schools $99,663.13.

For Old Age Assistance $56,258.54.

Care of Insane and Charity Patients $13,205.20.

Poor Relief $9,428.48.

Care of Dependent Children $7018.62.

The total of these amounts $185,573.97 or $89,101.25 greater than the amount collected from the county.

The first steel pipe was made by screwing together old musket barrels in 1815. Today, 8,500,000 tons of steel pipe annually are made in the United States.

Under-inflation of automobile tires is more dangerous that over-inflation.

Chaffee to Elect Mayor

Chaffee.—The City Council of Chaffee, meeting Wednesday night, rescinded its former action granting a year's leave of absence to Mayor O. T. Honey, declared the office vacant, and certified notice for election of a new mayor to fill two years of the unexpired term of four years when the regular municipal election is held in April.

The council on Dec. 18 adopted a resolution granting the leave to Mayor Honey, a lieutenant and band leader in the 140th Infantry of the Missouri National Guard, who was called to active military service with the Guard at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. The leave became effective Dec. 23, when Lieut. Honey reported for active duty.

L. D. Lankford, who was president pro-tem of the council, has been serving as mayor since, and explained that the council in taking its action thought best that a new mayor be elected to serve in active residential capacity. The council, he said, could not be sure, in view of general military situations, that the absent mayor would be able to return to his civilian duties at the expiration of his term of leave of absence. The vote for the resolution, rescinding the preceding action, was six for and none against, one councilman not voting.

Lankford will serve in mayoral capacity until the new municipal head is elected.

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ATTEND P. B. SESSION

G. B. Pearson, manager, and Paul J. Trotter of the district Employment Service office attended a meeting of the Agricultural Conservation Association at Poplar Bluff Thursday to get a line on the number of workers to be needed for farm work in Southeast Missouri this year. AAA committeemen throughout this section attended the session.

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FLIGHT COMMAND

Teaspoons for two.

SYNOPSIS:

Alan Drake, prize cadet at Pensacola, reports for duty with Commander Bill Gary's "Hell Cats" on the Pacific Coast. Befriended by Lorna, the Commander's wife, as he parachutes into the ocean, he only learnls later her real identity. After making some progress in beating down the initial hostility of his co-pilots to his headstrong manner, Alan tacitly aids Jerry, Lorna's brother, take off to test a new device in a thick fog. Jerry crashes, as Alan berates himself for his complicity.

CHAPTER FOUR

Inside the ambulance, Jerry stirred faintly. "Pensacola," he muttered, "what happened?"

"Don't think about it now," answered Alan, gripping his hand. "You're all right now."

"All I could see was fog," went on Jerry. "Something happened. The direction needle . . . something wrong." A spasm of pain shot through him as he closed his eyes. In a minute he opened them and went on: "It's all yours, Pensacola. I didn't give it a chance. You can lick it. It'll work."

Lorna, in an agony of anxiety, was pacing up and down outside the door of the operating room in the air station hospital. When Bill Gary came out, she ran up to him and beseechingly seized his arm.

"Hang on to yourself, darling," said Bill gravely. "He's badly hurt."

"He's—" Lorna could not complete the question.

"Doctors don't give him much chance," said Bill quietly.

"Commander Gary!" called out a loud speaker at the end of the hall. "Commander Gary, report to scene of crash."

Lorna involuntarily shivered. "I know," she said. "You've got to go."

"It's hit around you before," said her husband. 'And you've shown the rest how to take it. If it's your turn now, and the flag's at half-mast . . . keep it flying."

Lorna gripped his hands tightly. "Yes, Bill," she answered.

When he had left, she took a seat in the corner by the window and crouched there. She was staring out, but saw nothing; nor did she hear the soft reopening of the door from the operating room, as Alan came out. But when she felt someone's touch on her shoulder, and looked up, she knew the worst had happened.

"That's it?" she asked numbly.

"He didn't regain consciousness," said Alan, fighting his own emotions. "Will it help any to know his last thought was for you?" he went on. "He kept asking for you in the ambulance. Then, just at the end, he said, 'Tell her everything's all right'."

Lorna could no longer control her tears. Alan, racking his brain to think of something that would comfort her, went on: "I knew him just a little while, but I felt he was the best friend I ever had."

"He was my best friend, all my life," sobbed Lorna. Involuntarily she dropped her head on his shoulder, as he clasped her to him.

A few days later Alan, working ceaselessly on Jerry's fog device, and believing he had found the right combination, determined to step over to the Gary home. The Skipper had been called away, and Lorna was seeing absolutely no one; but he felt he had to make the attempt.

Jung, at the door, comfirmed his fears. "Please, mister," he said, "no good wait. Mrs. Gary no see anybody."

"Tell me something," pursued Alan. "Is Mrs. Gary taking Mr. Banning's death pretty hard?"

Jung nodded. There was a suspicion of a tear in his eye. "Ever since Mr. Banning dead," he admitted, "Mrs. Gary no see anybody. No eat . . . no sleep . . . sometime walk on beach all night."

Alan's deepest feelings were stirred. Glancing toward the beach as he followed Jung's eye, he saw a lone figure there. It was Lorna.

When she saw him approaching, Lorna drew back with mixed feelings.

"This is right where I toppled into the ocean," said Alan in a tone of affected flippancy.

"I left a message I was not at home," said Lorna pointedly.

"Look, it's none of my business," blurted Alan in rejoiner, "but staying by yourself isn't going to help things. You've just got to see somebody while the Skipper's away." He paused. "See here, I've got a new little jalopy. How about taking a ride tomorrow? Bounce the 'willies' away."

Alan's well-meant light-heartedness was too much for Lorna, in her despondent mood. Turning, she cried bitterly: "Are you so stupid you can't see? Do you think I'm a child that needs coaxing with silly jokes?"

"I'm sorry," said Alan stubbornly. "But there must be something—it isn't right for you to take this all alone."

"Oh! Please! Don't!" cried Lorna in sudden anguish.

Deeply hurt by her vehement dismissal, Alan turned and began to plod away through the sand. Lorna's impulse, seeing him go in this way, was to stop him.

"Pensacola!" she called. "I'm sorry. Forgive me."

"I guess I deserved what I bot," said Alan awkwardly.

"But I really didn't mean to be rude," said Lorna. "I don't want you to go away feeling hurt. You are so much like Jerry, in many ways."

Alan's eyes brightened.

"Would you care to walk a little way?" asked Lorna.

The next day they drove the twelve miles down to the Mexican border in Alan's self-designed jalopy; the day following they had two sets of tennis; a couple of days later they went fishing, and tarried on the way back to have dinner in an unpretentious little Italian restaurant overlooking the Pacific.

Lorna, the haunting thoughts started to clear from her mind for the first time, watched Alan amusedly as he went through the motions of a silly teaspoon trick. Then, suddenly, a disrupting thought struck her. What was this tenderness she was beginning to feel for Alan? Did she know herself what it was?

As she got up and hurried to the patio, Alan followed in deep concern.

"Lorna," he asked, "what is it? I thought we'd bounced those 'willies' right out of business the past few days."

"It's not the 'willies'," said Lorna in a strained voice. She had been trying to think of Alan in terms of Jerry. Now, like a uightning flash, it was no longer possible.

Alan, watching her conflict of emotion, did not clearly understand the cause. He moved closer, and took out his big service handkerchief.

"Go on—use it," he said tenderly, realizing she was for some reason on the verge of tears. In a moment he seized her shoulders. "Come on, Lorna, spill it," he demanded.

She raised her eyes but had no answer. "Take me home," she said tenderly.

As Lorna crossed to the door, while Alan stopped to pay the dinner check, she encountered a group of "Hell Cats."

"Why, Lorna, how are you?" asked Mugger Martin warmly.

"Great to see you looking so well," added Stitchy Payne.

"Pensacola's helped," said Lorna sincerely.

They looked after her in affection as she started out and Mugger remarked: "He's sure pulled her out of that spin she was in." Only Dusty Rhodes, sitting in a corner booth with a view of the patio outer lane, was silent as the group stepped up to chat with him about Lorna's improved appearance.

"What's wrong, Dusty?" asked Stitchy.

"Nothing," answered the other. "Isn't it great that Lorna's looking almost herself again?"

"Sure," said Dusty taciturnly.

Little conversation was exchanged between Lorna and Alan on the drive home. Alan wanted to talk, but he sensed that something had come over Lorna which was beyond his power to control. He didn't know what it was, but he felt it would wear off.

At the gate of the Gary home, he got out and extended his arm. "Here we are," he said. After a pause he added: "I'd still like to know what's wrong . . . what I've done or what's happened."

"You've done nothing wrong," said Lorna quickly. "You came on an errand of mercy—and you have been an angel. I'll never forget you."

Alan looked at her oddly. "That sounds like a last farewell," he said.

"It is," returned Lorna.

The definiteness of her tone startled Alan. "Are my jokes that bad?" he replied awkwardly.

"Please don't ask me to explain," said Lorna holding out her hand. "I'd rather not. Goodbye, Pensacola."

Studying her in anxious bewilderment, Alan stood by humbly as she hurried off.

A telegram was waiting for Lorna when she reached her room. She threw her hat and coat on the bed, and went to the window to watch Alan drive away before she had any desire to step over and open it.

The message was from the Skipper and if read: "Landing North Island tomorrow morning about eight. Love. Bill."

CHAPTER FIVE

All night long, after receiving the news of Bill's return in the morning, Lorna sat upright in a chair in her bedroom. Wild, disrupting thoughts ran through her mind . . . thoughts of Bill in a score of different moods, of Jerry working in his labratory, and of Alan, whom she had wounded by her abrupt dismissal. She was terribly confused, more so than ever in her life. And very tired.

Totally unconscious of the time, Lorna rose from her chair with a start as she heard Bill's voce outside. Hastily she tried to brush out the creases in her dress as she opened the door leading to the stairs.

"Hello, darling," cried Bill, rushing toward her with outstretched arms. "It's wonderful to be home." He held her tight for a moment, then released her. "How are you?"

Lorna was suddenly aware that her appearance must give her away. "Not too good, I'm afraid," she said slowly.

Bill paused awkwardly. "I'm sorry," he continued, "I wondered why you weren't at the island to meet me."

Lorna decided to dive immediately into the deep waters confronting her. "Bill, I'm going away," she said. "Will you get me a reservation on the plane today?"

Bill stared hard. "Why, what brought this on?" he asked.

Lorna put a hand on his arm. "Bill, I've got to tell you the truth," she hurried on. "Maybe it will hurt, but I've got to."

"What are you trying to say?" asked her husband, entirely at sea.

"I don't know," said Lorna, struggling for words. "When I first knew you, I knew there was . . . only one kind of woman you could ever care about . . . a brave one. I loved you, and I tried to be that. But I wasn't. When Jerry died, I couldn't stand it. You took me for granted, Bill. You didn't understand what was happening inside."

"Why didn't you tell me how you felt?" demanded Bill.

Lorna dropped her eyes. "Because I wanted you to keep on loving me," she said.

"Lorna!" cried her husband. "I love you because you're you! Now you've told me—and I still love you. I just understand better."

"But, Bill, it's more than that," went on Lorna. "Since Jerry died, I've had this terrible feeling of emptiness. The thought of your coming home should have been enough to fill it. But it wasn't. Something we had together is lost." She paused, her voice wavering. "I've got to go away, Bill, and try to find it again."

Bill checked what impulse was dictating him to say, and spoke as if he had been directing a Naval maneuver, calmly and unemotionally. "If that's it," he said, "you couldn't stay—any more than I could ask you."

Lorna fought off her tears. "I want to find what I've lost, Bill," she said. "I want to come back to you . . . there's nothing I want more."

Slowly she turned. He stood firm for a few moments, watching her, then steadfastly walked from the house.

At the flying field, Bill had not been in Dusty Rhodes' presence more than two minutes before his veteran aide-de-camp knew that something was wrong.

Dusty hesitated, watching the Skipper anxiously as he talked in vague terms about his trip. Then he came straight to the point.

"Loow, Bill," he said, "we've been in tough storms together. Something's got you. If I'm stepping on the wrong side of the quarter-deck, say so, but I wish you'd tell me what's wrong."

Bill spoke as if harly conscious of his own words. "Lorna's going away," he said.

"Going away? For long, Bill?"

"Maybe to stay. I don't know."

"But, it doesn't make sense. What happened?"

"I don't know . . . something . . while I was away. This is a tough business and maybe I've been carrying it home nights. She's changed."

Dusty thought fast. He remembered that flash at the restaurant. Lorna's look as she watched Alan, and an angry flush mounted his cheeks. Excusing himself, he hurried to the lounge room of the barracks. This was something for every man in the squadron to take up; it was something, too, the Skipper must never know about.

Alan, summoned from his room a half hour later, regarded the tense group of "Hell Cats" with puzzled glance. "You wanted to see me?" he asked.

Stitchy Payne was the first to step forward. "Drake," he began, "this isn't a very pleasant piece of business. It's about the touchiest most of us have ever run into, in the Navy. But we've got to have it out with you."

"Lorna Gary has left Bill," said Stitchy.

"She has?" echoed Alan in surprise.

"You saw a lot of her the last two weeks," went on Stitchy. "This isn't a pleasure trip she's taking East. She may not come back."

Alan, looking at the suspicious faces around him, felt a hot surge of indignation rising. "What are you getting at?" he asked. "What have I got to do with it?"

Dusty Rhodes turned to answer. "Drake," he said, "I've never known two people happier than the Garys. And I've never seen a man busted up so badly as Bill is today. Do you know why Mrs. Gary's left?"

"No," said Alan grimly. "And I don't think it's any of our business."

"Don't get on your high horse," cried Stitchy.

"Why shouldn't I . . . ?" retorted Alan. "With you people suspecting me of a thing like this . . . "

Dusty, believing Alan was acting a pose, came closer. "We are suspecting you," he admitted, "and we've got to know. If we're right you don't belong in Bill Gary's squadron."

Alan's eyes flashed as they met his. "Bill Gary's been my Skipper as well as yours," he said. "You won't have to bother finding out whether your suspicions are right or wrong—because I'm getting out!" He paused momentarily, then intense feeling got the better of him. "I wouldn't fly with a crowd who could suspect me of a filthy trick like this if it was the last squadron in the fleet!" he cried. "You can have my share of the 'Hell Cats' from now on!"

He turned abruptly and walked out. The others exchanged uncertain glances; it was obvious they had no verdict to render. Only Dusty spoke.

"He's written his own ticket," he said. "All I can say is I don't want to see him or speak to him or fly with him again."

The Skipper's face was tired and drawn when Alan, knocking at his door fifteen minutes later, entered to place a paper on his desk.

"What's this?" he asked blankly.

"My resignation, sir," said Alan. "I'm getting out of the Navy."

"Getting out?" echoed Bill incredolously. "Why, you sat here in my office one morning and told me you'd rather fly than eat. Come on, tear this thing up."

"I have no intention of doing that, sir," said Alan tautly.

"You've got the makings of a great pilot," returned Bill. "I still think you love the Service. There is a lot more to it than you've learned in these few weeks." He paused. "There's loyalty for one thing. Loyalty isn't a one-way street; it goes both ways. Sometimes you get discouraged—everybody does—but we get over it."

"I've submitted my resignation, sir," reiterated Alan. "Are you going to act on it?"

Bill's manner altered, "What is it, Gary?" he asked. "'Hell Cats' too tough for you?"

"Okay, sir," said Alan quietly. "Let it go at that."

"I'll forward the paper to Washington," said the commander crisply. "But we've got a movement order here. Extension maneuvers off the coast, probably several weeks. You can't get away before that."

Alan's face was still impassive. "I understand, sir," he said. "That will be a good finish."

As he turned and stepped out, Bill Gary followed him in disturbed uncertainty. He hated to see any new material as promising as that go out of the Navy. But he wasn't in a mood to think very clearly, or long, about external problems.

There was a paragraph in a half-finished letter on his desk that he was trying to complete. Word by word he labored, and when he was through it read as follows:

"Lorna dear, if it will help you to find the things we've lost in our life together, I will resign my commission in the Navy. We can go anywhere, do anything you like. My only wish for all our lives will be to make you happy."

(To be continued)

Tourney Opens at E. P. Monday

East Prairie.—The high school of East Prairie will be host school to the regional Class B basketball tournament which will open Monday night, and continue each night with the championship games to be held on Saturday night. Schools to participate are: East Prairie, Charleston, Diehlstadt, Anniston, Blodgett, Matthews, Canalou, Lilbourn, Risco, Parma, Marston, Portageville, Hayti, Braggadocio, Bragg City, Cooter, Holland, and Wardell.

The seaded teams are Charleston, Anniston, Matthews and Bragg City. The executive committee of the tournament is compised of Supt. Ralph McCullough of East Prairie, chairman; Ivan Bidewell of Risco and E. K. Krueger of Hayti.

There will be four games each night the first four nights of the tournament will play starting at 6 o'clock. On Friday night the semi-final games will get under way at 7:30 o'clock as will the consolation game on Saturday night. The officials for the tournament will be W. A. Foster of Wardell and Dick Kinder of Poplar Bluff.

The opening schedule for Monday night: 6 o'clock, Portageville vs. Risco; 7 o'clock, Lilbourn vs. Braggadocio; 8 o'clock, Anniston vs. Blodgett, and 9 o'clock, Matthews vs. Kewanee. The Tuesday night schedule: 6 o'clock, Charleston vs. Parma; 7 o'clock, Holland vs. Marston; 8 o'clock, Bragg City vs. Canalou, and 9 o'clock, Cooter vs. East Prairie.

On Wednesday night at 6 o'clock, Wardell will meet the winner of the Portageville and Risco game; at 7 o'clock, Hayti plays the winner of the Lilbourn and Braggadocio contest; at 8 o'clock, New Madrid meets the winner of the Anniston and Blodgett game and at 9 o'clock, Diehlstadt plays the winner of the Matthews and Kewanee contest.

The Cash-Book is happy to note that the Missouri Supreme Court has ordered the seating of Forrest Donnell governor. We are happy because we think Donnell is a burr-head, a small potato, as have been all anti-saloon league candidates. If he had the opportunity we do not think he has the brains to accomplish anything worthwhile, and of course he is to be ham-strung. — Jackson Cash-Book.

Mutual Will Broadcast Serial

The Mutual Broadcasting Company will send the serial story over the air waves which was written by Daniel Currie Beattie of Washington, D. C., son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith of Sikeston.

The first installation was heard at 12:30 p. m., central standard time, Monday.

Left $100 in Teacher's Will

Mrs. Edith Mueller Duckworth of Sikeston was left $100 in the will of Hattie Schuster, 81-year-old former St. Louis school teacher, it was disclosed when an inventory of her estate was filed in a Shreveport, La., court.

Miss Schuster, who died in Shreveport last December, made twenty bequests in her will.

MATTHEWS WINS TITLE

Morehouse, Feb. 20.—The high school boys of Matthews defeated Parma here Wednesday night in a play-off for the championship of the New Madrid County League, 20-16.

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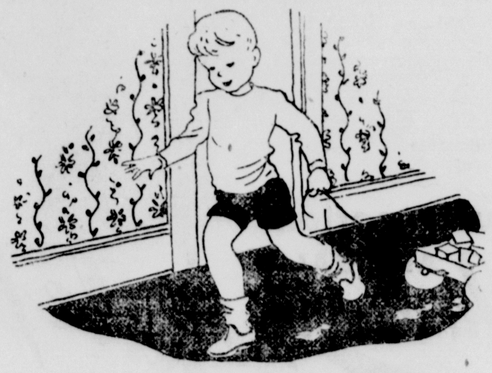
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Box Office Open 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.
Admission 10c and 16c

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26—
"Behind The News"
With Lloyd Nolan and Doris Davenport.
Comedy.
Matinee and Evening.
Admission 10c and 28c

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEB. 27-28—
"Bittersweet"
With Janet McDonald and Nelson Eddy.
Comedy.
Admission 10c and 28c

SATURDAY, MARCH 1—
"Border Legon"
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CARTOON
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"Flight Command"
With Robert Taylor
NEWS and SHORTS
Matinee and Evening
Box office open 2 to 9 p. m.
Admission 10c and 28c

Slaying Case

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Civil cases, the plaintiff, defendant and action include:

O. W. Hartner vs. Charles L. Duncan, fraud.

Ira C. Long vs. Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society, damages.

Nina Cook vs. F. M. Day and others, damages.

Luther C. Jines vs. Pauline Jines, divorce.

Mavoureen Lee Euell vs. Richard Lee Euell, divorce.

Ernestine Grisham vs. William H. Grisham, divorce.

Maudie Walker vs. Morris Walker, divorce.

Earl Johnson vs. Edna Irene (Malone) Johnson, divorce.

Pearl Elizabeth Coke vs. Herbert Coke, divorce.

Fred Hedges vs. Eunice Hedges, divorce.

Ida Belle Hahn vs. Roy Hahn, divorce.

Anna Mae McGinnis vs. Loren McGinnis, divorce.

William Eastwood vs. Margaret Louise Eastwood, divorce.

Benita Toddy vs. Eugene Toddy, divorce.

Luther Glass vs. Maud Glass, divorce.

Hazel Perry vs. Buster Perry, divorce.

Yelma Benson vs. Estel Benson, divorce.

Ruby M. Hart vs. Ben M. Hart, divorce.

Mary Alice Watkins vs. Russell Watkins, divorce.

Goldie McKinney vs. Murrell McKinney, divorce.

Lester Houseman vs. Modina Houseman, divorce.

Dorris L. Ramsey vs. Dewey O. Ramsey, divorce.

Ruby Shoaf vs. Margaret Shoaf, divorce.

Bertha Keen vs. Burdette Keen, divorce.

Florence Irene Wofford vs. Isaac Hill Wofford, divorce.

Benjamin William Schmitt vs. Margaret Elizabeth Schmitt, divorce.

T. W. Jennings vs. Lucy Jennings, divorce.

Lorene Cain Limbaugh vs. Earl Limbaugh, divorce.

Jenalee Sells Moose vs. Charles Hugh Moose, divorce.

Hazel Wood Dowdy vs. James Dowdy, Jr., divorce.

Edward M. Broshears vs. Alma Lorene Broshears, divorce.

Richard Bennett vs. J. P. Rice and others, damages.

Richard Minner vs. Sikeston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, damages.

Ella Louvellette vs. James Beggs, damages.

Luther Hill vs. F. Lair and others, damages.

Wilbern Bruce vs. Walter Moore, damages.

Annie Laurie Rogers vs. Helen Welsh Johnson, damages.

Earldeen Newton vs. National Eutane Gas Corporation, damages.

Norval F. Anderson vs. Alec Gudder, damages.

O. L. Branum vs. Charles J. Baker, damages.

Opal Beatrice Reiger vs. Ralph Edwin Reiger, divorce.

James Fincher vs. Julia T. Rafferty, damages.

Jurors for Circuit Court:

Lester Fadler, Lyman Gross, J. R. Nolen, O. B. Poage, Carl O. Luper, T. A. Roberts, Gordon Lewis, H. A. Bach, A. A. Harrison, Richland township. Alternates William Tippy, Will Johnson, Ralph Loeb, William Dye, A. F. Meeks, W. W. Lankford, Geo. Farris, Ernest Kellett and Chester Minner.

S. P. Huey, Dennis Diebold, J. E. Dunnegan, John Roth, John H. Schumacher, Andrew Uelsmann and Alfred Krieger, Kelso township. Alternates Frank Arnold, Jr., William Walter, J. A. Gearing, Loyd Hebb, W. E. Rushing, Ivey Hart and C. O. Slaughter.

Henry Seitman and August Gosche, Sylvania township. Alternates Raymond Heisserer and Harold Mercer.

Dr. R. Bugg and T. L. Bugg, Morley. Alternates J. W. Gilliland and Lee Strayhorn.

E. Schnidler, Moreland township. Alternates Henry Meyer.

Gus Ray, Twappity, Alternate Jim Maynard.

Wade Wilson, Sandywoods. Alternate A. A. Hudnall.

Fred Schiwitz, Commerce. Alternate Sam Halter.

Building The Problem Of the Day

By Earl McMillen

If our spirit is low and our mood sad, as we pessimistically contemplate the strange malady which has stricken the building industry and kept it bedfast for the last four years, then it will relieve our grieving minds to dwell for a moment on the robust condition of our invalid friend back in the good old days from 1926 to late 1929.

Everyone was working, money was plentiful and the hum of activity was so great we couldn't hear the distant rumbling of approaching danger.

Enterprising promoters had subdivided vast acres of cow pasture, baseball diamonds and good garden land into precise little geometric shapes called lots. On them they were putting houses, for money was plentiful, and banks, building and loan companies, mortgage brokers, insurance companies and private investors were begging, pleading and fighting for the privilege of making loans for the construction of these houses.

The first homes were sold quickly and others followed. True, the buyers oftentimes didn't make much of a cash payment, but that didn't matter, for many times the kind bankers were willing to make a loan large enough to pay for the cost of the house and lot too. About all the buyer had to do was to be able to sign his name on the dotted line agreeing to make monthly payments for the rest of his natural life, or so.

Such was the beautiful condition existing a few years prior to 1930, and it wasn't any wonder that millions of dollars worth of materials were sold and hundreds of thausands of men employed in the production and erection of these materials.

All went smoothly until the depression and then overnight this tremendous building boom stopped. The banker grew cold and unresponsive to please for construction loans; buyers became a negligible quantity; and previously sold houses became not only unsold but empty.

Without funds there could be no building, so the carpenter laid dwon his tools, the lumber dealer laid off his truck sand the manufacturer laid off men, and extreme quiet reigned. It was then that our patient took to his sick bed. Thousands of people were thrown from productive, self-supporting employment to, in many cases, the necessity of applying to County, State and Federal aid for relief and sustenance.

We are now in the fourth year of this distressing situation and the building trades continue to head the list of unemployed. A few men have been absorbed into other work but the majority are still idle.

However, there is today a pleasant ray of hope to cheer us on. Our patient is showing signs of recovery due to a few unalterable facts.

First, there is a definite shortage of livable houses, despite the amount of building that was done during the boom area. This is due in part to the unscrambling of double-up families which is coming with a return to employment; it is due partially to annual deterioration that has not been replaced for four years; and due also to the fact, that in 1931 it was found that half the population of this country was living in obsolete and antiquated dwellings lacking the most ordinary necessities for decent living.

Second, there is the problem of upkeep and maintenance. A house can go but so long without paint, a new roof or siding. Realization that further delay in restoration will bring a heavy loss, will force many home owners to act this year.

Third, mortgage money in moderate and conservative amounts is being made available to the prospective home builder. The icy fear that gripped the hearts and froze the hands that controlled this money, is being thawed by a reassuring Federal Government by application of warm pads in the form of Federal loans for home construction. And that is something—for heretofore, no matter how worthy the applicant or attractive the security, excellent mortgage loans have gone begging for lack of funds, and prospective home builder have, of necessity, shelved their plans for building, thereby withholding to that extent, the return of building prosperity and relief from unemployment.

Leaders in the industry feel that our patient is better and that the crisis has been passed . Recovery is certain and convalescence under way. Faint stirrings from the sick room breed hope. Architects are making sketches. Contractors are giving estimates and material dealers figuring lumber lists. Here and there a job is actually let and excavating is started. Bankers are making statements—cautiously, carefully and not too committal, but nevertheless statements—letting it be known that there is some money available for construction. This all indicates that the patient is setting up and taking a little nourishment.

You who have wanted that home for a long time but were afraid, may go ahead—it is safe. You'll get more house for your money today and at the same time administer a dose of much needed, strength giving medicine to a phase of the nation's industry whose health and prosperity are vitally essential to all.

CHECK FURNACE FOR FIRE DANGER

At this time of year the danger of fire in the home resulting from furnaces and boilers may be greatly reduced by the observation of a few simple rules, FHA officials say.

A common cause of fire losses which may be easily checked by simple vigilance is the overheating of improperly built chimney flues. Overfiring or overheating of furnaces and boilers by leaving the drafts open too long should be avoided.

Automatic heating controls should be checked periodically in order to assure their good working order as a protection against overheating.

Regular cleaning of furnace and flue of soot also acts to prevent fires.

Improperly installed heating equipment, which permits high-temperature surfaces to be in too close contact with combustible materials, is another common cause of fires. For example, in a warm-air heating system wall stacks are sometimes too close to wood surfaces which are without asbestos protection or air space, and often the wall and floor registers are too tight against wood.

Another related cause of many Winter fires in homes against which FHA officials warn is leaving unattended fires in fireplaces without screen protection.

Galileo was the Christian name of the great Italian astronomer, and by it he was commonly known. Galilei was his last name.

Employing approximately 4,000,000 workers, the truck transport industry provides one out of every 10 pay checks issued in the United States.

There are no polecats in America. The name, applied erroneously to American skunks, belongs to a European marten.

It is estimated that each of these 408,000 retail gasoline outlets in the United States makes an annual gross profit of about $1610.

There are 17 acres in the White House grounds.

15 Arrested For Driving With Old Tags

Fifteen persons, who were driving cars without 1941 license plates, have been arrested by state troopers operating out of Sikeston since the expiration of the deadline for acquiring them last Wednesday mid-night.

Sgt. Melvin Dace reported that there was no urgent necessity for any of those arrested operating their automobiles without new plates.

He warned that those who purchase licenses but do not fasten one securely on the front and one at the rear of their car are subject to arrest. A motorist, who has acquired new plates and is carrying them inside his car, runs a risk of apprehension.

Dace said that a person making a trip to acquire plates but driving an automobile with old ones also is subject to arrest.

Almost 1,000 plates for automobiles, trailers and trucks have been issued at the license bureau in Mattingly's Service Station at East Center and Kingshighway. Issuances were reported ahead of last year.

At noon Monday, 6,500 passenger car, 2,750 truck and 500 trailer plates had been issued.

Engineers at Cape Meeting

Fred Harris, chief engineer, and L. F. Beckett, surveys and plans engineer in the division ten state highway department office here attended sessions of the mid-winter meeting of the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers at Cape Girardeau Thursday and Friday.

Others from the office who attended were C. J. Stevens, R. L. Proffer, Bob Gregory, A. E. Nance, George M. Fowler, L. R. Burns, M. G. Tully, Don Hearnes, George M. Faris, W. W. Ensor, W. J. DeKriek and George M. Purcell.

Also attending from Sikeston were T. A. Martin of the Missouri Utilities Company and Chester R. Treece, area engineer for the Progress Administration.

Farmers See Case Equipment

New Case farm impfements were viewed by farmers Saturday at the Hahs Machine Works.

The equipment included a new continuous feed pick up hay baler. A picture show was shown the group at the high school gymnasium Saturday night.

BRICK LAYING STARTS

Brick laying has started on the addition being constructed to the Municipal light plant. The foundation has been poured for the new Diesel generating unit which will be installed when the annex is completed.

GLEANERS CLASS TO MEET

The Gleaners Class of the Methodist Church will have a meeting and George Washington party this Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ruth Malone on South Kingshighway.

There are 1,624,000 persons by the name of Johnson in the United States.

100 See New Tract

Approximately 100 farmers witnessed demonstrations of the new Oliver 60 tractor Thursday and Friday at the Ethel Bradley, Gale King and French farms under auspices of Lewis & Matthews, dealers.

In Ethiopia, salt bars worth about 54 cents are a regular form of currency.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

"WINDOW" PICTURES



The "window" effect was obtained, very simply, by having the children peer through the French door into the darkened dining room. Such stunts give you novel pictures

Good snapshots around the home depend partly on your subjects—and partly on how you present them. Often, a clever or unusual presentation makes an excellent picture out of the most familiar subject-matter.

Take a look around the house, and note the spots or locations that will make good "settings" for pictures. The fireplace, the stairway landing, the stairway corner, the big easy chair by the bookshelves—all these are good "picture spots."

Windows and French doors are useful, too. In the daytime , a bright window can be used as a back-ground for silhouette shots—with shades drawn on the other windows. Or, you can bring up your photo lights, to illuminate the shadow side of the subject, and thus get a bright, cheerful "high key" effect.

At night, interesting pictures can be made by having your subjects at an uncurtained window, with the photo lights at one side—and then shooting the picture "from outside looking in."

The picture above shows the effect. However, a French door was used in this case—the children were simply peering into the dark dining-room. But the frame makes a very satisfactory window effect. It's just as if the subjects were peeping out on a pitch-dark winter night.

Try some of these effects. They're easy, with any camera—using high speed film and photo bulbs for the night shots. And they add novelty to your collection of home pictures.

Still No Protection for Members In the Burial Racket

A SHAM BURIAL-SOCIETY BILL

A Missouri Supreme Court ruling last Dec. 11 made it mandatory that burial societies come under State regulation or quit business. The bill just introduced by Senator L. N. Searcy of Eminence for such regulation, however, is a sham.

These societies are engaged in the insurance business, as the Supreme Court recognized. So why should they not be regulated by the State Insurance Department instead of by a Burial Society Commissioner, to be appointed by the Attorney General, as Searcy proposes?

Why, furthermore, should they not be compelled to pay their claims in cash, instead of in the "materials and services" (at the undertaker's own valuation) provided by the Searcy bill? Other insurance companies have to pay cash. The requirement for burial-society reserve funds is good, but why the remarkably low limit set for these funds in the bill?

The answer to these questions is obvious: The burial societies, whose lobbyists were denounced as "vultures" by a veteran legislator two years ago, are the sponsors of this bill. It is their interest, and the interest of the undertakers associated with them, that the bill is concerned about, not the interest of their million Missouri members, or policyholders.

Burial societies, wth proper regulation, are a legitimate business. Lack of regulation in past years has made it possible for some of them to indulge in practices described by the Better Business Bureau and the American Legion as a "funeral racket." What legislator will introduce an ironclad measure to take the place of this Searcy sham, and protect the money of the persons in the low-income group who join these societies.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.—Adv.

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